**RITE OF CONFIRMATION OUTSIDE MASS**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**SIGN OF THE CROSS**

**INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME**

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Graciously pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,

we pray, O Lord,

so that, walking in oneness of faith

and strengthened by the power of his love,

we may come to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*Choose the readings from the selection for Confirmation in the Lectionary Volume III*

FIRST READING

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

*After the gospel is read the Priest take his seat. The teacher(s) presents the candidates for Confirmation. The names of the candidates are called and they stand. All sit before the Priest begins his homily.*

HOMILY

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

*After the homily, the candidates stand, and the Priest questions them:*

**Celebrant:** Do you reject Satan?

**All those to be confirmed:**  **I do**

**Celebrant:** And all his works?

**All those to be confirmed:**  **I do**

**Celebrant:** And all his empty promises?

**All those to be confirmed:**  **I do**

**Celebrant:** Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

**All those to be confirmed:** **I do**

**Celebrant:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died and was buried, rose from the dead and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

**All those to be confirmed:** **I do**

**Celebrant:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and the giver of life, who came upon the apostles at Pentecost and today is given to you sacramentally in Confirmation?

**All those to be confirmed: I do**

**Celebrant:** Do you believe in the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting?

**All those to be confirmed:** **I do**

**Celebrant:** This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church, we are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus Our Lord.

**All: Amen**

LAYING ON OF HANDS

*The Priest faces the people and says:*

**Celebrant:** My dear people:

In baptism God our Father gave the new birth of eternal life to his chosen sons and daughters. Let us pray to our Father that he will pour out the Holy Spirit to strengthen his sons and daughters with his gifts and anoint them to be more like Christ the Son of God.

*All pray in silence for a short while.*

*The Priest who will administer the Sacrament and any priests with him will extend their hands over the group of candidates. The main celebrant alone says:*

**Celebrant:** All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their Helper and Guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

**ANOINTING WITH CHRISM**

*Each candidate (and sponsor) goes forward individually before the Priest. The sponsor extends their right hand without touching the candidate and gives the candidates name to the Priest; or the candidate may give his (her) own name.*

*The Priest dips a cotton bud in the Chrism and makes the Sign of the Cross on the forehead of the one to be confirmed, as he says:*

(N) ………. Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Candidate: Amen.

Peace be with you.

Candidate: And with your spirit.

*The Priest uses a new cotton bud for each candidate*

*During the anointing an appropriate song may be sung. After the anointing the Priest washes his hands.*

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

And now at the Saviour’s command and formed by divine teaching we dare to say together:

Our Father,

who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen

**THE CONCLUDING RITES**

FINAL PRAYER

Instruct, O Lord, in the fullness of the law those you have endowed with the gifts of Your Spirit that they may constantly show to the world the freedom of your adopted children and, by the holiness of their lives exercise the prophetic mission of your people. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

SOLEMN BLESSING

The Lord be with you

All And with your spirit

Bow down for the blessing.

May God the Father almighty bless you,

whom he has made his adopted sons and daughters

reborn from water and the Holy Spirit,

and may he keep you worthy of his fatherly love.

All Amen.

B. May his Only Begotten Son,

who promised that the Spirit of truth

would abide in his Church,

bless you, and confirm you by his power

in the confession of the true faith.

All Amen.

B. May the Holy Spirit,

who kindles the fire of charity in the hearts of disciples,

bless you and lead you blameless and gathered as one

into the joy of the Kingdom of God.

All Amen.

And may almighty God bless all of you,

who are gathered here,

the Father, + and the Son, + and the Holy + Spirit.

All Amen.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**