

**CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION  
OUTSIDE THE USUAL TIMES**

**THE INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**AFTER THE HOMILY THE MINISTER PRESENTS THE CANDIDATES**

**CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM**

**PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES**

**Minister/RCIA Leader:**

**Most Reverend Father, it is with great honor and pleasure that I would like to present to you the candidates for full initiation into the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.**

**Elect, as I call your names please come forward with your sponsors:**

**NAMES OF THE ELECT**

**Presider:** [Using the Roman Missal paragraph #40 from the **Easter Vigil** Celebration the priest says the introductory statement.]

**Deacon/Presider:**

**Let us kneel.**

**THE LITANY OF THE SAINTS IS SUNG:** [*All kneel for the Litany of the Saints.*]

**Presider:** [After the Litany is completed and at the baptism font with hands extended the priest says the prayer from the RM.]

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BLESSING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

**Presider:** [The priest blesses the water using the blessing from the Roman Missal paragraph #46 from the **Easter Vigil** without dipping the Easter candle in the water]

**\*\*CHOIR SINGS A SUITABLE ACCLAMATION\*\***

PROFESSION OF FAITH - RENUNCIATION OF SIN

**Presider:** [The priest, standing, puts the prescribed questions to the adults and the parents or godparents of the children as is set out on the revised **Order of Confirmation** paragraph #23.]

**Presider:** Do you renounce Satan,  
and all his works and empty promises?

*Elect:* I do.

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

*Elect:* I do.

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

*Elect:* I do.

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**Presider:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who today through the sacrament of Confirmation  
is given to you in a special way  
just as he was given to the Apostles  
on the day of Pentecost?

*Elect:* I do.

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

*Elect:* I do.

**Presider:** This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church.  
We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

**BAPTISM**

**Presider:** [Baptizes each candidate.]

**\*\*Elect steps closest to the font for baptism. During the corona virus, the priests takes baptismal water from the font, but pour it over their heads into a separate bowl baptizing them in the name of the Trinity.**

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**Presider:** I baptize you in the name of the Father

*He pours the water a first time.*

And of the Son,

*He pours the water a second time.*

And of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen

*He pours the water a third time.*

[After the baptism the newly baptized will stand in front of the sanctuary with sponsors carrying the baptismal candles.]

**CLOTHING WITH A BAPTISMAL GARMENT BY SPONSORS** [If circumstances suggest, this rite may be omitted.]

**Presider:** [Priest uses the formulary from the RCIA book paragraph # 229.]

**My sisters and brothers you have become a new creation  
and have clothed yourselves in Christ.  
Wear this baptismal garment  
and bring it unstained to the judgment seat  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
so that you may have everlasting life.**

*Newly baptized:* Amen.

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**PRESENTATION OF A LIGHTED CANDLE**

**Presider:** [Priest uses the *formulary from the RCIA book paragraph # 230.*]

**Presider:**

**Godparents please come forward to give to the newly baptized  
the light of Christ.**

**\*\*A sponsor of each of the newly baptized lights a candle from the Easter  
candle, then presents it to the newly baptized.**

**Presider:** [Priest continues with the formulary from the RCIA book paragraph  
#230.]

**Presider:**

**You have been enlightened by Christ.**

**Walk always as children of the light  
and keep the flame of faith alive in your hearts.**

**When the Lord comes, may you go out to meet him  
with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.**

*Newly baptized:* Amen.

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**CELEBRATION OF RECEPTION:** [If there are baptized Christians for  
reception into the full communion of the Catholic church the rite can be celebrated  
here. However, it will be more suitable to celebrate the reception at a different  
Sunday Mass.]

**Minister/RCIA Leader:** [Call the candidate(s) for Full Communion by name.]

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NAME(S)

**\*\*Candidate(s) for Full Communion and sponsor come forward\*\***

**Presider:** [Uses the invitation formulary from the RCIA book paragraph # 490.]

[Name], of your own free will you have asked to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church. You have made your decision after careful thought under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I now invite you to come forward with your sponsor and in the presence of this community to profess the Catholic faith. In this faith you will be one with us for the first time at the eucharist table of the Lord Jesus, the sign of the Church's unity.

ALL: [The one(s) to be received then joins the community in reciting the Nicene Creed.]

\*\* The presider then asks the one(s) to be received to add the following profession of faith. The candidate(s) says:

**I believe and profess all that the holy Catholic Church believes,  
teaches, and proclaims to be revealed by God.**

**Presider** [The priest concludes the reception with the formulary on the RCIA book paragraph #492.]

[NAME], the Lord receives you into the Catholic Church.  
His loving kindness has led you here,  
So that in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
You may have full communion with us  
In the faith that you have professed in the presence of his family.

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**CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION**

**Presider:** [The priest now speaks to the newly baptized (and those to receive the sacrament of Confirmation using the formulary from the RCIA book paragraph #233.)]

**Presider:**

**My dear Newly Baptized, born again in Christ by baptism you have become members of Christ and his priestly people. Now you are to share in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit among us, the Spirit sent by the Lord upon his apostles at Pentecost and given by them and their successors to the baptized.**

**The promised strength of the Holy Spirit, which you are to receive will, make you more like Christ and help you to be witnesses to his suffering, death, and resurrection. It will strengthen you to be active members of the Church and to build up the Body of Christ in faith and love.**

**THE LAYING ON OF HANDS**

*The newly baptized GIVES the candle to their SPONSORS.*

The priest faces the assembly & addresses the assembly with these words from the revised Order of Confirmation book, paragraph#24 & 25.

**Presider:**

**Dearly beloved,  
let us pray to God the almighty Father,  
for these, his adopted sons and daughters,  
already born again to eternal life in Baptism,**

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**that he will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit  
upon them  
to confirm them with his abundant gifts,  
and through his anointing  
conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God.**

An all pray in silence for a while.

During the corona virus, the priest won't lay his hands over those to be confirmed, instead with his hands outstretched over the entire group he will pray in silence.

**Presider:** [The priest with hands outstretched over the entire group of those to be confirmed continues with the prayer from the revised Order of Confirmation paragraph #25.]

**Presider:**

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who brought these your servants to new birth  
by water and the Holy Spirit,  
freeing them from sin:  
send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete;  
give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and fortitude,  
the spirit of knowledge and piety;  
fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord.  
Through Christ our Lord.**

**ALL:** Amen.



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THE ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

The deacon or a minister brings the Sacred Chrism to the priest. During coronavirus time, the oils will be pour into separate containers. An altar server has hand sanitizer and towel for priest to sanitize before and after each anointing.

Each candidate, with sponsor, goes to the priest.

**Presider:** [The priest uses the *formulary from the revised Order of Confirmation paragraph #27*]

**Presider:** N. \_\_\_\_\_ be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

*Newly confirmed:* Amen.

**Presider:** Peace be with you.

*Newly confirmed:* And with your spirit.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**\*\*The General Intercessions follows. \*\***

**Mass continues as usual.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Those receiving Holy Communion for the first time will come forward first.

After the newly baptized receive Holy Communion, then the rest of the congregation is invited to receive.