

# CONFIRMATION 2021

## THE JOURNEY BEGINS IN HOPE

WE WELCOME CANDIDATES  
FROM



AS THEY JOIN BISHOP DENIS IN PRAYER ON  
25 MARCH

**GATHERING SONG:**        *Spirit Anthem (Frances O'Connell)*

**BISHOP DENIS: WORDS OF WELCOME**

**LIGHTING OF CANDLE:**

**BISHOP DENIS:** We have lit our Paschal Candle, a symbol of the light of Christ and a reminder of the light of faith gifted to each one of us by our parents at our baptism. Let us begin our time of prayer together by marking ourselves with the sign of our faith:

**In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit  
Amen**

**BISHOP DENIS:** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Response:        And with your spirit**

**BISHOP DENIS:                OPENING PRAYER:**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles        Acts 2:1-4**

When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**



**PSALM:**        Send forth your Spirit, O Lord        (*Lawton*)  
***Send forth your Spirit, O Lord and renew,  
renew the face of the earth***



### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of eternal glory

The Lord be with you.

**Response: And with your spirit**

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

**4:16-22**

**Response: Glory to you, O Lord**

Then Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath, he went as usual to the synagogue. He stood up to read the Scriptures and was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it is written,

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has chosen me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and recovery of sight to the blind,

to set free the oppressed

and announce that the time has come when the Lord will save his people.'

Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down.

All the people in the synagogue had their eyes fixed on him, as he said to them, 'This passage of scripture has come true today, as you heard it being read.'

They were all well impressed with him and marvelled at the eloquence of the words that he spoke.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **THE SACRED OIL OF CHRISM:**

#### **ASK BISHOP DENIS A QUESTION**

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

*We bring our prayers before the Lord.*

Response: We pray to the Lord

**ALL: Lord hear our prayer**

**BISHOP DENIS:**            *On this the Feast of the Annunciation, we gather up all our prayers and we ask Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother too, to bring our prayers before our God:*

**Take my hand O Blessed Mother  
Hold it firmly lest I fall  
I am nervous when I'm walking  
So to thee I humbly call.  
Guide me over every crossing  
Watch me while I'm on the stairs,  
Help me with my undertaking lessen many of my cares  
Then when darkness falls around me and I fear to be alone,  
Take my hand O Blessed Mother  
Once again and lead me home. Amen**

**FR THOMAS:**            *Invitation to pray a blessing on Bishop Denis:*

**TOGETHER WE PRAY:**    **Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. Amen**

**BISHOP DENIS:**

**FINAL WORDS & BLESSING**

**CHRISM MASS 2021:**

**MONDAY, MARCH 29 @ 7:30 P.M.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US ON**

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