

**GUIDELINES FOR CONFIRMATION
IN THE DIOCESE OF KILDARE & LEIGHLIN**

2024



Confirmation marks a unique moment in a person's life when one is invited to grow in faith and, through the power of the Holy Spirit, embrace a new maturity where all that has gone before takes on richer and deeper meaning further forming one as a faithful disciple, grateful steward, and active evangelist of the Risen Christ.

(Rev. Ronald Rolheiser Secularity and the Gospel)

Theme for Confirmation 2024

'This Little Light of Mine.'

'Everyday holiness means being salt and light for others.' Pope Francis 2018

'You are ready for what Christ wants of you now. He wants you—all of you—to be the light of the world, as only young people can be light. It is time to let your light shine!'

Pope John Paul II 1999

These Guidelines are designed to help parishes, particularly those where Bishop Denis will preside, in their preparation and planning of the celebration of Confirmation. They will also help Bishop Denis in his preparation for the celebration in each parish.

It would be very helpful if parishes where Bishop Denis is not presiding at Confirmation this year would, by emailing aisling@kandle.ie, let him know when their celebration is and how many candidates are being confirmed. It is hoped that these guidelines will also be of use in those parishes.

CELEBRATING THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION:

We continue to acknowledge that Confirmation celebrations may take place outside of Mass as allowed by Canon 882. However, where possible, Bishop Denis asks that Confirmation should be celebrated within the Eucharist. Guidelines for the

- Celebration of Confirmation within the Eucharist pages 6-8.
- Celebration of the Rite of Confirmation pages 9-12.

CONFIRMATION BOOKLETS: Parishes and schools are asked to consider carefully the environmental impact of printing booklets. If your parish is preparing a booklet for use on the day, please send a copy to Bishop Denis in advance.

BEFORE THE CELEBRATION TAKES PLACE: Bishop Denis asks that the relevant Confirmation Planning Form

1. Confirmation Within the Eucharist Planning Form pages 18-20
2. Rite of Confirmation Planning Form pages 21-22

be completed and returned to the Diocesan Office at least **three weeks** before the date of Confirmation in your parish.

The following notes are designed to help ensure the best possible experience of the celebration of Confirmation for all.

1: PARISH PREPARATION: Bishop Denis would like a brief description of the type of preparation undertaken by the candidates and their families in the parish. This can be as simple as naming the preparation programme such as ***You Shall Be My Witnesses, We Belong to Christ*** or providing an outline of any initiatives used by the parish team to engage the candidates and their families in a programme of preparation in the months prior to Confirmation. This will enable him to encourage and affirm the work of preparation in the parish during the ceremony.

2: LETTER TO THE BISHOP:

Bishop Denis would like **all candidates** who will be confirmed by him to submit a letter prior to Confirmation. This letter is to be written **at home** by the candidates in consultation with

their parents/guardians and then signed by the candidates and their parents/guardians. The letters should then be sent by the parish to the bishop together with the enclosed form **three weeks** before the celebration of Confirmation in your parish. **If your parish has multiple confirmations please ensure that the letters are bundled together and labelled with the names of schools and the corresponding Confirmation Ceremony.** The following information should be included in the letters:

BIOGRAPHY: The candidate should introduce themselves to Bishop Denis using some of the following information

- Their name and age
- The name of their school and the class that they are in
- The name of their parish
- Something about their family
- Their interests/hobbies/favourite things to do

DESCRIPTION OF PREPARATION AT HOME, IN THE PARISH AND IN SCHOOL: The candidate needs to say something to the bishop about how he or she has prepared to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

PERSONAL MEANING: The candidate should reflect on what the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation means to them.

CONFIRMATION NAME AND SPONSOR: The candidate should tell the bishop what name they are choosing and why. They might also say something about their sponsor and the reason for choosing this person.

FOR 2024: The candidate should say something to the bishop about how they and their classmates have responded to the Confirmation Challenge set by Bishop Denis, to leave behind them in their parish or school community something to show how they let their light shine as they prepared for their Confirmation. A short video explaining the challenge can be viewed at <https://www.kandle.ie/confirmation-2024/>.

3: SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The sacrament of reconciliation should be celebrated by all candidates prior to the celebration of Confirmation. A suggested outline for a Reconciliation Service and for a combined Reconciliation and Ceremony of Light Service is available for download on www.kandle.ie.

4: RETREAT: Many parishes provide candidates with the opportunity of a retreat before or after Confirmation.

5: SPONSORS: Each candidate has a sponsor for confirmation. *The sponsor for any candidate may be male or female, is to be at least 16 years of age, a fully initiated Catholic and living a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken. A parent may not act as a sponsor for his or her child (Canon 874). A Baptismal sponsor is desired as the Confirmation sponsor, in order to emphasize the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation (Canon 893.2).*

6: PLEDGE: The Pledge Commitment is an important part of the candidate's preparation. All parishes are expected to include a Pledge Commitment Ceremony as part of the preparation or post celebration process. You can find a copy of a Confirmation Pledge Certificate <https://app.growinlove.ie/en/user/professional-development>. There are also useful resources to help parents and schools explore the Pledge Commitment on https://www.irishbishopsdrugsinitiative.ie/what_we_do_category/confirmation-commitment/. Further details on the Confirmation Commitment and other resources from Darren Butler, National Coordinator Pastoral Response to Substance Misuse, 087-7901461 darren.butler@iecon.ie Title Email or Text : Kildare & Leighlin Confirmation

7: DAY OF CELEBRATION

ATTIRE: *To make visible the relationship between confirmation and baptism, many parishes encourage the wearing of albs. This also helps to alleviate some of the costs associated with Confirmation.*

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY: Under the Diocesan Safeguarding Guidelines best practice would suggest that no photography or videography should take place in the Church. Therefore, the taking of photographs and of videos is not permitted during the ceremony and this must be communicated to candidates, parents/guardians, sponsors and family members prior to the celebration of Confirmation. This can be done at the rehearsal and on the day itself in the time before the liturgy begins. The turning off of mobile phones should also be requested at this time.

Stewards can help to ensure that the taking of photographs or videos is discouraged.

Bishop Denis suggests that a group picture of him with the candidates be taken after the ceremony and that the organisation of this should be done at the rehearsal for Confirmation.

If a videographer is being used in an official capacity, he/she should be instructed not to distract from the solemn nature of the celebration and at no time should he/she enter the sanctuary area. **Parental consent for the taking of the video must also be obtained from all parents in advance of the ceremony.**

8: LITURGICAL GUIDELINES FOR CONFIRMATION WITHIN MASS

PRELUDE Five minutes before the Confirmation ceremony begins it is useful for the priest or other nominated person to begin preparing the congregation for the celebration which is to follow. This is an opportunity to quieten the gathering, remind them of the need to switch off mobile phones, not to take pictures and to invite them to spend a moment in quiet prayer for the candidates who are to be confirmed. This may be accompanied by some quiet instrumental music that can continue until the liturgy is ready to begin.

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

ENTRANCE SONG: The Entrance Song should be one that is familiar to the children and if possible to members of the congregation. Consider having a cantor who invites and encourages everyone to sing.

Music Suggestions: pages 16-17.

ENTRANCE PROCESSION: The following is the order of the Entrance Procession

Incense Bearer (thurifer) with burning incense

Cross Bearer with the Processional Cross

2 Candle-Bearers

Candidates and Sponsors (optional)

Reader (optional)

Deacon (if present)

Concelebrants

Bishop with mitre and crozier

Mitre and crozier bearers

The reader or deacon may carry the Book of the Gospels in the Entrance Procession. This is particularly appropriate if there is to be a Gospel Procession.

CONFIRMATION CHALLENGE 2024

The Candidate/s who have been chosen by their classmates to tell Bishop Denis about the way in which they have responded to the Challenge might be invited to do so now. *Allow the bishop to take his place, greet the people and say his opening words before this takes place.* Alternatively this could be done after Communion and before the final song, 'This Little Light of Mine.' ***Please Note: There should be no procession of symbols if this is taking place at the beginning of the Confirmation Ceremony.***

PROCESSION OF SYMBOLS

If there is to be procession of symbols during the Confirmation Ceremony, it should take place after the Entrance Procession. Allow the bishop to take his place, greet the people and say his opening words before this procession takes place. The symbols, representing the candidate's

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

- Presentation of Candidates
- Homily
- Renewal of Baptismal Promises
- Laying on of hands
- Prayer of Consecration
- Anointing with Chrism *A cantor or choir may sing a suitable hymn for the procession of the candidates to the bishop. An instrumental piece may also be used. Ideally music or song should accompany the whole of the Anointing with Chrism.*
- Prayer of the Faithful *Suggestions on page 14-15*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:

A suitable hymn may be sung, or an instrumental piece may be played at this time.

Preparation of the altar may be done by family members of some of the candidates. This allows for the presentation of the gifts of bread and wine to be highlighted as they are the last items to be brought to the altar.

C.f. The Presentation of the Gifts during 'We Give Thanks' on the DVD of Come, Gather & Celebrate as an example of how this might be done. This can also be viewed on www.kandle.ie

- Sanctus *(Sung)*
- Memorial Acclamation *(Bishop Denis will intone this)*
- The Great Amen *(Bishop Denis will sing the Doxology)*

THE COMMUNION RITE

- Our Father
- Sign of Peace
- Agnus Dei *(Sung)*

COMMUNION HYMN/S

Suitable hymns may be sung by candidates and congregation.

POST COMMUNION:

CONFIRMATION CHALLENGE 2024

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THE CONCLUDING RITES

Bishop Denis will pray a Solemn Blessing. A suitable hymn will be sung as the procession leaves the church.

CELEBRATION OF THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

CAN. 881 *It is desirable to celebrate the sacrament of confirmation in a church and during Mass; for a just and reasonable cause, however, it can be celebrated outside Mass and in any worthy place.*

Whenever Confirmation is conferred without Mass, a celebration of the word of God should precede it. [OC 13]

GATHERING SONG: *Suggestions for all music on page*

WORDS OF WELCOME:

SIGN OF THE CROSS: As we begin our celebration let us mark ourselves with the sign of that faith as we did on the day of baptism:

You might consider inviting the parents to make the Sign of the Cross on their child's forehead as they did on the day of their baptism.....

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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COLLECT:

Fulfill for us your gracious promise,

O Lord, we pray,

so that by his coming

the Holy Spirit may make us witnesses before the world

to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who lives and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Or

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. **Amen**

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The names of the candidates are called, and they stand as they are presented to the Presider and the community alternatively see the suggestion for the Renewal of Baptismal Promises where the candidate's names might also be called.

Homily

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

If baptismal candles are to be lit the priest could introduce the Renewal of Baptismal Promises in these or similar words while standing near the Paschal Candle

Our Paschal Candle is a sign of hope for all who believe that Jesus is the light of the world, a light that can never be quenched, a light that will always brighten our way. On the day of your baptism your parents took light from the Paschal Candle to light your baptismal candle as a sign of the faith that they wanted to pass on to you. They were asked to keep the light burning brightly until you were ready to say yes to your faith for yourselves. They obviously have done a good job because you are here, ready to confirm what they did for you at baptism, ready to say yes to continuing to live as Jesus wants you to. Now as they light your baptismal candle again, we pray that you will continue to walk as a child of the light and keep this light of faith burning brightly for all to see and that you will indeed, let your light shine always.

Each candidate and their parent/s are called forward individually, they light their baptismal candle and then return to their seats and remain standing

CELEBRANT: Do you renounce Satan,
And all his works,
And all his empty show?

CANDIDATES: **I do.**

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

CANDIDATES: **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 seated at the right hand of the Father?
CANDIDATES: I do.

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

CANDIDATES: 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?

CANDIDATES: 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.

CANDIDATES: Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

CELEBRANT: My dear friends,
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.

The celebrant(s) stretch out their hands over the candidates and pray:

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

CELEBRANT: (Name), be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.
CANDIDATE: **Amen.**

CELEBRANT: Peace be with you.
CANDIDATE: And with your spirit.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL (see suggestions on pages 16 & 17)
We pray to the Lord:
Lord hear our prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: **Our Father.....**

Confirmation Challenge 2024

The Candidate/s who have been chosen by their classmates to tell Bishop Denis about the way in which they have responded to the Challenge might be invited to do so now before the final song, This Little Light of Mine, is sung.

CONCLUDING RITE

FINAL BLESSING & DISMISSAL

CONCLUDING SONG: *This Little Light of Mine*

SUGGESTED READINGS FOR CONFIRMATION 2024

If you wish to change any of these readings, please let Bishop Denis know in advance.

Ephesians 5: 8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; behave as children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and uprightness and truth.

Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, take no part in the futile works of darkness but, on the contrary, show them up for what they are.

The things which are done in secret are shameful even to speak of; but anything shown up by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated is itself a light.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5: 14-16

'You are light for the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden.

No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house.

In the same way your light must shine in people's sight, so that, seeing your good works, they may give praise to your Father in heaven.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL SUGGESTIONS

For the Church:

We all belong to the Church which is a family of families. Today we give thanks that as members of this family we can come together to celebrate the confirming of our faith and that of our Confirmation candidates. We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to strengthen their faith and give them the courage to live as followers of Jesus Christ.

We pray to the Lord:

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

**For Bishop Denis,
our priests and people:**

that God's Holy Spirit will continue to strengthen, protect and inspire Bishop Denis, our priests and all those who have a leadership role in our parishes.

We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord hear our prayer

For the Candidates:

that they are open to the gifts that the Holy Spirit lavishes on them today and that they will use these gifts as they continue to seek and find God's dream for them to live as people of the light sharing God's message of love with all they meet.

We pray to the Lord:

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

For all who have helped prepare:

We pray for all who helped to prepare the candidates for this day, their teachers, priests, sacramental coordinators. May they know that their work in leading them to know you is precious and appreciated.

We pray to the Lord:

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

For our parents, guardians and sponsors: that they will be the best teachers in the ways of faith both now and in the future.

We pray to the Lord

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

For those who are sick:

We pray for all those we love who are sick and especially for those who cannot be with us today, may they know God's healing presence.

We pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

For those who have died:

individual parishes/school communities have had very different experiences of illness and loss in the past 12 months. This would be an appropriate time to offer a prayer for your specific context.

Or

We pray for those who have died, especially those in our families and our community, may they dwell forever in God's loving embrace.

We pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

SUGGESTED MUSIC FOR CONFIRMATION 2024



OPENING HYMNS:

This is the Day/Seo é an Lá <i>Except during Lent because of the Alleluia</i>	(Mary Amond O'Brien; <i>Grow in Love 2nd Class</i>)
Faithful is the Lord	(Liam Lawton; www.giamusic.com)
Christ be our Light	(Bernadette Farrell; <i>Grow in Love 4th Class</i>)
Fan the Flame	(Liam Lawton; www.giamusic.com)
Christ be beside me	(Traditional Irish; <i>Grow in Love 1st Class</i>)
Come O Creator	(Webbe/Caswall; <i>In Caelo</i>)
Spirit filled day	(Mary Amond O'Brien; <i>Grow in Love 5th Class</i>)
Shine Jesus Shine	(Graham Kendrick; www.spiritandsong.com)
The Eyes and Hands of Christ	(Tom Kendzia; www.spiritandsong.com)
Though we are many	(Bernard Sexton; <i>Sing the Mass</i>)
Shout to the Lord	(Darlene Zschech; www.spiritandsong.com)
Where Two or Three are Gathered	(Liam Lawton; www.giamusic.com)
The Summons	(John Bell; <i>Grow in Love 5th Class</i>)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 103	Send forth your Spirit O Lord (Liam Lawton; <i>Ancient Ways, Future Days</i>)
Psalm 103:	The Lord is Kind and Merciful (Jeanne Cotter www.giamusic.com)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia:	Glendalough
<i>During Lent:</i>	
<i>Glory and praise, glory and praise, Lord Jesus Christ (x2)</i>	(Glendalough Mass)

DURING THE ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

With Great Love	(Chris De Silva www.giamusic.com)
Spirit of the Living God	(<i>Hymns Old and New</i>)
Tar anuas a Spioraid Naoimh	(<i>Ite O'Donovan; In Caelo</i>)
Tar chugam, A Spioraid Naoimh	(Máire Nuinseann; <i>Alive-O</i>)
Veni Creator Spiritus	(<i>Grow in Love 5th Class</i>)
Spirit Filled Day	(Mary Amond O'Brien; <i>Grow in Love 5th Class</i>)
Holy Spirit	(Ken Canedo; www.spiritandsong.com)
Open the Eyes of my Heart	(Paul Baloche; www.spiritandsong.com)
Blessed are they the poor in spirit	(David Haas; www.spiritandsong.com)
I will be the Vine	(Liam Lawton; <i>In Caelo</i>)
Lay your hands	(Carey Landry; <i>Grow in Love 5th Class</i>)
Song for a Young Prophet	(Damian Lundy; <i>Grow in Love 5th Class</i>)

PREPARATION OF GIFTS

<i>Instrumental Music would be very appropriate at this time</i>	
We come to your feast	(Michael Joncas; <i>Grow in Love 5th Class</i>)
In bread we bring you Lord	(Kevin Nichols; <i>Hymns Old and New</i>)
Ag Críost an Síol	(Seán O'Riada; <i>In Caelo</i>)

COMMUNION HYMNS – choose a hymn that reflects that this is the time we are processing forward to receive the Lord in Holy Communion

Eat this Bread	(Taizé; In Caelo, Grow in Love 2 nd Class)
I will be the Vine	(Liam Lawton; In Caelo)
Though we are Many	(Bernard Sexton; Sing the Mass)
Come Feast at This Table	(Ian Callanan; www.giamusic.com)
Céad Míle Fáilte Romhat a Íosa	(Traditional; Alive-O)
St Teresa's Prayer	(John Michael Talbot)
Take and Eat	(Taizé; In Caelo)
Knowing You	(Graham Kendrick; In Caelo)
Without Seeing You	(David Haas; Grow in Love 5 th Class)
The Servant Song	(Richard Gillard; Grow in Love 5 th Class)

RECESSIONAL HYMNS

This Little Light of Mine	
Go Light your world.	(Chris Rice: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtIIFJlxdUw)
Shine Jesus Shine	(Graham Kendrick; www.spiritandsong.com)
Fan the Flame	(Liam Lawton; Alive-O)
Now Thank we all our God	(In Caelo)
Lord of all Hopefulness	(In Caelo)
Christ be our Light	(Bernadette Farrell; Grow in Love 4 th Class)
Shout to the Lord	(Darlene Zschech; www.spiritandsong.com)
Spirit filled day	(Mary Amond O'Brien; Grow in Love 5 th Class)

CONFIRMATION PLANNING FORMS

There are two forms

1. **Confirmation within the Eucharist Planning Form** pages 19 & 20
2. **Rite of Confirmation Planning Form** pages 21 & 22

Please complete the form that reflects your celebration this year. This form gives important information about Confirmation in your parish which will help Bishop Denis as he plans for Confirmation. Please complete and return this information to Bishop's House at least **three weeks or as soon as possible** before your Confirmation date. If you have any questions please call **059 9176725**

EMAIL: bishop@kandle.ie **MAIL:** Bishop's House, Dublin Rd, Carlow

CONFIRMATION WITHIN THE EUCHARIST PLANNING FORM

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

PARISH: _____

NO. OF CANDIDATES: _____

NAME OF SCHOOL/S: _____

NAME OF PRINCIPAL/S: _____

NAME OF
CONFIRMATION TEACHER/S: _____

*Please ensure that the names
of all teachers are included:* _____

Please indicate if there are children from other schools, Church of Ireland, Educate Together, Community National Schools or Special Schools celebrating the sacrament with the candidates from the Catholic Schools in the Parish.

YES No

If Yes:

Number of candidates: _____

Name of Catechist/s who prepared them: _____

PARISH PREPARATION

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PARISH/HOME PREPARATION UNDERTAKEN IN YOUR PARISH

SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR: YES No

IF YES

NAME OF SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR: _____

LETTERS TO BISHOP: YES No

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: YES No

CONFIRMATION RETREAT: YES No

CONFIRMATION LITURGY

DATE OF LITURGY: _____

TIME: _____

NAME OF CHURCH: _____

NAME OF SACRISTAN: _____

NAME OF CHOIR DIRECTOR/S: _____

BOOKLET: YES No

MASS PARTS BEING SUNG: YES No

GLENDALOUGH MASS: YES No

IF OTHER MASS PLEASE GIVE NAME: _____

KYRIE	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
GLORIA (<i>Outside of Lent only</i>)	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
ALLELUIA/LENTEN ACCLAMATION	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
SANCTUS	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
DOXOLOGY & GREAT AMEN	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
AGNUS DEI	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

ENTRANCE SONG: _____

PROCESSION OF SYMBOLS:	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPRINKLING RITE:	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

CONFIRMATION CHALLENGE 2024
NAME OF STUDENT/S WHO WILL
SPEAK ABOUT THEIR RESPONSE: _____

RITE OF CONFIRMATION
MUSIC TO ACCOMPANY ANOINTING: _____

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST				
PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

MUSIC & CHOIR:
IF SCHOOL CHOIR
CLASS GROUPS INVOLVED _____
NAME OF DIRECTOR/S _____

IF PARISH CHOIR:
NAME OF DIRECTOR/S _____

COMMUNION RITE
COMMUNION SONG/S _____

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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IF YES
NAME/S: _____

CONCLUDING RITES
RECESSIONAL HYMN: _____

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION PLANNING FORM:

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

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NAME OF SCHOOL/S: _____

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SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR: YES No IF YES

NAME OF SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR: _____

LETTERS TO BISHOP: YES No

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: YES No

CONFIRMATION RETREAT: YES No

CONFIRMATION LITURGY

DATE OF LITURGY: _____

TIME: _____

NAME OF CHURCH: _____

NAME OF SACRISTAN: _____

NAME OF CHOIR DIRECTOR/S _____

BOOKLET: YES No

GATHERING SONG: _____

PROCESSION OF SYMBOLS: YES No

CONFIRMATION CHALLENGE 2024

**NAME OF STUDENT/S WHO WILL
SPEAK ABOUT THEIR RESPONSE:**

**RITE OF CONFIRMATION
MUSIC TO ACCOMPANY ANOINTING:**

**MUSIC & CHOIR:
IF SCHOOL CHOIR
CLASS GROUPS INVOLVED**

NAME OF DIRECTOR/S

**IF PARISH CHOIR:
NAME OF DIRECTOR/S**

**CONCLUDING RITES
CLOSING SONG:**

ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:
