

# CONFIRMATION

## PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

After the Gospel, a priest, deacon or parish minister addresses the candidates.

Will the candidates for confirmation please stand.

He/she then addresses the minister of confirmation.

For a Bishop: Most Reverend Father,

[For a Priest: Reverend Father,]

the parish of (name)  
presents these candidates  
for the sacrament of confirmation.

Those who know them judge them to be sincere in their desire.

They have heard the word of Christ  
in the assembly of the Church  
and have attempted to shape their conduct accordingly.

They have shared in the fellowship and prayer  
of their brothers and sisters.

Now I wish to inform you and all here present  
of our community's decision to call them to confirmation.

Each candidate is accompanied by a sponsor  
and it is my privilege to present them to you.

The minister of confirmation inquires as to the readiness of the candidates.

The Church asks that its members  
be suitably prepared for the sacraments  
so that they may receive the grace of God  
freely and knowingly.

Have these candidates been formed and instructed?

The priest or parish minister responds.

They have participated  
in our community's process of Confirmation formation  
and have received appropriate catechesis.  
We feel they are ready for confirmation.

Then the minister of confirmation questions the candidates.

My dear candidates,  
do you understand what this sacrament means to you  
and to your sharing in the life and mission of the Church?

They respond:

I do.

Then the minister of confirmation concludes.

In the name of Jesus Christ and his Church, I accept you  
and I pray that the sacrament which you are about to receive,  
will strengthen your faith  
and assist the growth of God's kingdom among us.

Then the congregation gives its assent by **applause**.

The homily follows.