

Easter Vigil 2022

Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation



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Celebration of Baptism and Confirmation Outline

Before the Easter Vigil service, our RCIA candidates will gather together, with their sponsors and/or godparents, outside the church near the entrance.

NOTE: All cited page numbers refer to the **blue bilingual missalette** (English on even numbered pages, Spanish on odd numbered pages).

❖ THE EASTER VIGIL ❖

Lucernarium (p. 164)

The word “Lucernarium” comes from the Latin word for light. The service begins outside, with the lighting of the paschal fire. A minister carries the *unlit* Easter (Paschal) candle.



When the service begins, Deacon Roger will greet the assembly:

Deacon Roger: Dear brothers and sisters,
on this most sacred night,
in which our Lord Jesus Christ
passed over from death to life,
the Church calls upon her sons and daughters,
scattered throughout the world,
to come together to watch and pray.
-If we keep the memorial
of the Lord's paschal solemnity in this way,
listening to his word and celebrating his mysteries,
then we shall have the sure hope
of sharing his triumph over death
and living with him in God.

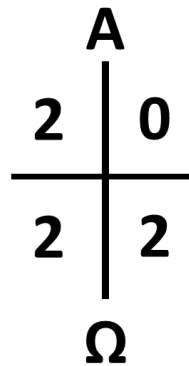
Blessing of the Fire (p. 164)

The blessing of the fire comes next.

Deacon Roger:
O God, who through your Son
bestowed upon the faithful the fire of your glory,
sanctify † this new fire, we pray,
and grant that,
by these paschal celebrations,
we may be so inflamed with heavenly desires,
that with minds made pure
we may attain festivities of unending splendor.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

Preparation of the Paschal Candle (p. 166)

After the blessing of the new fire, the minister holding the Paschal candle brings it forward to Father Dariusz who marks it with a cross saying:



Father Dariusz:

1. Christ yesterday and today (*Father Dariusz cuts or traces the vertical bar*);
2. the Beginning and the End (*horizontal bar*);
3. the Alpha (*Alpha, above the cross*);
4. and the Omega (*Omega, below the cross*).
5. All time belongs to him (*2, upper left*);
6. and all the ages (*0, upper right*).
7. To him be glory and power (*2, lower left*);
8. through every age and forever. Amen (*2, lower right*).

Father Dariusz then tacks five grains of incense into the cross on the candle:

1
4 2 5
3

Father Dariusz:

1. By his holy
2. and glorious wounds,
3. may Christ the Lord
4. guard us
5. and protect us.

Congregation: Amen.

The Paschal candle is then lit, and Father Dariusz says:

Father Dariusz:

May the light of Christ rising in glory
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Procession into Church (p. 166)

The Paschal candle, after being lit, is raised at the entrance of the church.

Father Dariusz (singing):

The light of Christ.

Congregation (singing):

Thanks be to God.

After this, the congregation will process into the church which will be completely dark. Congregants will carry small candles (electric). The procession will be led by Father Dariusz carrying the Paschal candle.

Those receiving, for the first time, one or more of the **Sacraments of Initiation**, with their sponsors, will follow in procession behind Father Dariusz.

Halfway to the altar Father Dariusz will again hold up the Paschal candle and sing:

Father Dariusz (singing):
The light of Christ.

Congregation (singing):
Thanks be to God.

Finally, when Father Dariusz reaches the base of the stairs to the sanctuary, he will turn, face the congregation, raise the candle a third and final time and sing:

Father Dariusz (singing):
The light of Christ.

Congregation (singing):
Thanks be to God.

Father Dariusz and the altar services will ascend the steps into the sanctuary. The candidates with their sponsors will enter the pews at the front of the church to the left and right and remain standing:

- Those children to be baptized only (but not confirmed) will sit on the left. Filling in behind them will be the young adults who will be receiving First Communion (but who are not yet being confirmed).
- **RCIA candidates will sit in the pews to the *right*.**

Children to be Baptized

RCIA candidates

Young adults receiving First Communion

RCIA candidates

The Easter Proclamation (p. 168)

The congregation will still be standing holding their candles, likewise Father Dariusz and the Paschal candle. At this time, a cantor will sing the **Easter Proclamation** or **Exsultet**:

Cantor:

Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven,
exult, let Angel ministers of God exult,
let the trumpet of salvation
sound aloud our mighty King's triumph!
Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her,
ablaze with light from her eternal King,
let all corners of the earth be glad,
knowing an end to gloom and darkness.
Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice,
arrayed with the lightning of his glory,
let this holy building shake with joy,
filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.

After:

Father Dariusz:

The Lord be with you.

Congregation:

And with your spirit.

Father Dariusz:

Lift up your hearts.

Congregation:

We lift them up to the Lord.

Father Dariusz:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation:

It is right and just.

Father Dariusz:

It is truly right and just,
with ardent love of mind and heart
and with devoted service of our voice,
to acclaim our God invisible, the almighty Father,
and Jesus Christ, our Lord, his Son, his Only Begotten.

Who for our sake paid Adam's debt to the eternal Father,
and, pouring out his own dear Blood,
wiped clean the record of our ancient sinfulness.

These, then, are the feasts of Passover,
in which is slain the Lamb, the one true Lamb,
whose Blood anoints the doorposts of believers.

This is the night,
when once you led our forebears, Israel's children,
from slavery in Egypt
and made them pass dry-shod through the Red Sea.

This is the night
that with a pillar of fire
banished the darkness of sin.

This is the night
that even now, throughout the world,
sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices
and from the gloom of sin,
leading them to grace
and joining them to his holy ones.

This is the night,
when Christ broke the prison-bars of death
and rose victorious from the underworld.

Our birth would have been no gain,
had we not been redeemed.
O wonder of your humble care for us!
O love, O charity beyond all telling,
to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!

O truly necessary sin of Adam,
destroyed completely by the Death of Christ!

O happy fault
that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!

O truly blessed night,
worthy alone to know the time and hour
when Christ rose from the underworld!

This is the night
of which it is written:
The night shall be as bright as day,
dazzling is the night for me,
and full of gladness.

The sanctifying power of this night
dispels wickedness, washes faults away,
restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners,
drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty.

On this, your night of grace, O holy Father,
accept this candle, a solemn offering,
the work of bees and of your servants' hands,
an evening sacrifice of praise,
this gift from your most holy Church.

But now we know the praises of this pillar,
which glowing fire ignites for God's honor,

a fire into many flames divided,
yet never dimmed by sharing of its light,
for it is fed by melting wax,
drawn out by mother bees
to build a torch so precious.

O truly blessed night,
when things of heaven are wed to those of earth,
and divine to the human.

Therefore, O Lord,
we pray you that this candle,
hallowed to the honor of your name,
may persevere undimmed,
to overcome the darkness of this night.
Receive it as a pleasing fragrance,
and let it mingle with the lights of heaven.
May this flame be found still burning
by the Morning Star:
the one Morning Star who never sets,
Christ your Son,
who, coming back from death's domain,
has shed his peaceful light on humanity,
and lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Congregation:

Amen.

Father Dariusz:

Dear brothers and sisters,
now that we have begun our solemn Vigil,
let us listen with quiet hearts to the Word of God.
Let us meditate on how God in times past saved his people
and in these, the last days, has sent us his Son as our Redeemer.
Let us pray that our God may complete this paschal work of salvation by
the fullness of redemption.

❖ LITURGY OF THE WORD (P. 172) ❖

The congregation will be asked to sit and listen to the Word of God. The missalette has seven readings from the Old Testament, but we will only read three. We will also read the Epistle (from the New Testament) and the Gospel:

- **Third Reading** and Responsorial Psalm (page 182)
- **Fifth Reading** and Responsorial Psalm (page 188)
- **Seventh Reading** and Responsorial Psalm (page 194). NOTE: *At this point the lights will be turned back on.*
- **Epistle** and Alleluia (page 200)
- **Gospel** (page 202)

Homily (p. 202)

The homily immediately follows the reading of the Gospel. Deacon Roger will give the Homily.

❖ BAPTISMAL LITURGY (P. 202) ❖

After the Homily the **Baptismal Liturgy** begins.

Presentation of the Elect (p. 202)

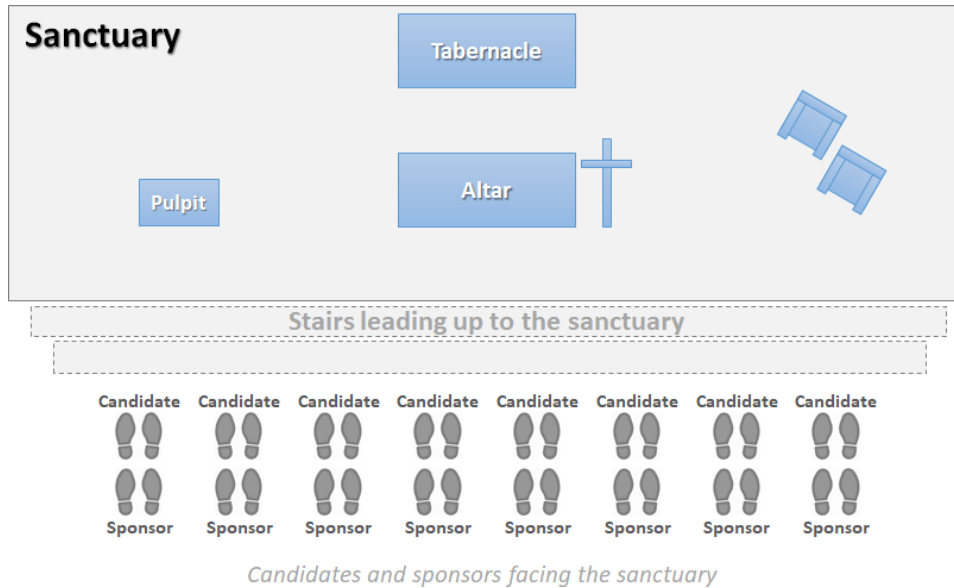
Rodney Kadura: *At this time, we will proceed with the **Baptismal liturgy** in which we will call forward those candidates who have been preparing for reception into the Catholic faith. When I call your name, please come forward with your sponsor and stand at the base of the stairs facing the altar. Sponsors, please stand behind your candidate.*

The following candidates for baptism are then called, by name, to come forward with their sponsors:

1. **Kaitlyn Barnett**

2. **Megan Tucker**

Candidates line up at the base of the stairs leading up to the sanctuary with their sponsor behind them:



Invitation to Prayer (p. 202)

Once the candidates for baptism and their sponsors are all positioned at the base of the stairs facing the sanctuary, the Deacon Roger will say the following prayer:

Deacon Roger: Dearly beloved,
with one heart and one soul, let us by our prayers
come to the aid of these our brothers and sisters in their blessed hope,
so that, as they approach the font of rebirth,
the almighty Father may bestow on them
all his merciful help.

Note: If there are no candidates to be baptized, a different prayer is read here. See missal for this alternative form.

Litany of the Saints (p. 204)

The choir will next sing the **Litany of the Saints**. It begins:

Cantor:

Lord, have mercy.

Congregation:

Lord, have mercy.

Cantor:

Christ, have mercy.

Congregation:

Christ, have mercy.

Cantor:

Lord, have mercy.

Congregation:

Lord, have mercy.

...And goes on from there. Please refer to the missalette for the full text. Throughout this time, the candidates for baptism remain standing.

Blessing of Baptismal Water (p. 208)

Rodney Kadura: *And now we will have the blessing of the baptismal waters.*

The celebrant, Deacon Roger, then recites the following prayer while the waters are blessed:

Deacon Roger:

O God, who by invisible power
accomplish a wondrous effect
through sacramental signs
and who in many ways have prepared water, your creation,
to show forth the grace of Baptism;

O God, whose Spirit
in the first moments of the world's creation
hovered over the waters,
so that the very substance of water
would even then take to itself the power to sanctify;

O God, who by the outpouring of the flood
foreshadowed regeneration,
so that from the mystery of one and the same element of water
would come an end to vice and a beginning of virtue;

O God, who caused the children of Abraham
to pass dry-shod through the Red Sea,
so that the chosen people,
set free from slavery to Pharaoh,
would prefigure the people of the baptized;

O God, whose Son,
baptized by John in the waters of the Jordan,
was anointed with the Holy Spirit,
and, as he hung upon the Cross,
gave forth water from his side along with blood,
and after his Resurrection, commanded his disciples:
“Go forth, teach all nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”
look now, we pray, upon the face of your Church
and graciously unseal for her the fountain of Baptism.
May this water receive by the Holy Spirit
the grace of your Only Begotten Son,
so that human nature, created in your image
and washed clean through the Sacrament of Baptism
from all the squalor of the life of old,
may be found worthy to rise to the life of newborn children
through water and the Holy Spirit.

The Easter candle is lowered into the water three times.

Deacon Roger:

May the power of the Holy Spirit,

O Lord, we pray,
come down through your Son
into the fullness of this font...

The candle is held in the water and Deacon Roger continues:

Deacon Roger:

...so that all who have been buried with Christ
by Baptism into death
may rise again to life with him.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever

Congregation:

Amen.

As the candle is removed, the congregation sings:

*Springs of water, bless the Lord;
praise and exalt him above all forever.*

Renunciation of Sin (p. 210)

Rodney Kadura: *In preparation for Baptism, the Church will now ask our candidates to collectively to renounce sin and individually to make a profession of faith.*

Deacon Roger will **collectively** ask the candidates to be baptized to renounce sin:

Deacon Roger: Do you renounce Satan?

Candidates: I do.

Deacon Roger: And all his works?

Candidates: I do.

Deacon Roger: And all his empty show?

Candidates: I do.

Profession of Faith (p. 210)

Rodney Kadura: *At this time, I will ask each candidate and their sponsor to, one at a time, come up the stairs of the sanctuary where Deacon Roger will ask you individually to make a profession of faith by three more questions. We'd ask that each sponsor place their right hand on the candidate's shoulder while the candidate is making their profession of faith. When you have finished with your profession of faith, please return to the base of the stairs facing the altar as before.*

The candidates are called up with their sponsors:

1. Kaitlyn Barnett

2. Megan Tucker

And Deacon Roger addresses each:

Deacon Roger: _____, do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

Candidate: I do.

Deacon Roger: 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?

Candidate: I do.

Deacon Roger: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

Candidate: I do.

The candidate and sponsor return to the base of the stairs and then next candidate and sponsor come forward.

Baptism (p. 210)

Rodney Kadura: *And now our candidates will be baptized into the Catholic church. Once again, I will call each candidate and their sponsor, one at a time, to come up the stairs to the sanctuary. When you come up the stairs, we will give each candidate a white towel that you can dry yourself with after being baptized. At the same time, we will give each sponsor a candle. We ask that the sponsor come forward with the candle and light it with the fire of the Easter candle. You sponsors will hold the candle in your left hand and place your right hand on the candidate while they are being baptized. Afterwards, you will give the lit candle to your candidate. Candidates, when you are being baptized, simply lean your head sideways over the baptismal font, facing the congregation. Father Dariusz will pour water over your forehead three times. When you are done being baptized, please return to the base of the stairs.*

The candidates are called up with their sponsors:

1. Kaitlyn Barnett

2. Megan Tucker

Each candidate and their sponsor will be motioned to walk up the sanctuary stairs to the baptismal font. The candidate will lean his or her head over the font with their face towards the congregation. **The sponsor will place his or her right hand on the shoulder of the candidate.**



Father Dariusz will baptize each candidate saying:

Father Dariusz: _____, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

Father Dariusz pours water over the head of the candidate the *first time*.

Father Dariusz: And of the Son,

Father Dariusz pours water the *second time*.

Father Dariusz: And of the Holy Spirit.

Father Dariusz pours water the *third time*.

After the candidate is baptized, he or she returns with his or her sponsor to the base of the stairs where they came from. Then the next candidate will then be motioned forward with their sponsor and the sequence is repeated. This is done until all have been baptized.

The Renewal of Baptismal Promises (p. 214)

Rodney Kadura: *And now we, as a congregation, will all collectively renew our baptismal promises.*

Deacon Roger will address the entire congregation:

Deacon Roger: Dear brothers and sisters,
through the Paschal Mystery
we have been buried with Christ in Baptism,
so that we may walk with him in newness of life.
And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded,
let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism,
by which we once renounced Satan and his works
and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church.
And so I ask you:

Deacon Roger: Do you renounce Satan?

Congregation: I do.

Deacon Roger: And all his works?

Congregation: I do.

Deacon Roger: And all his empty show?

Congregation: I do.

Deacon Roger: Do you believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth?

Congregation: I do.

Deacon Roger: 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?

Congregation: I do.

Deacon Roger: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting?

Congregation: I do.

Kyle Hammons will take Holy Water and, walking up and down the aisles, sprinkle the congregation. **At this time our newly baptized candidates will be motioned to sit down and blow out their candles.**

The choir will sing:

I saw water flowing...

When the congregation has been blessed with holy water, Deacon Roger will pray:

Deacon Roger: And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

Congregation: Amen.

Kyle will then walk about the church sprinkling the people with the blessed water. While he is doing so, the newly baptized candidates will be motioned to extinguish their candles and return to their seats.

❖ RECEPTION INTO FULL COMMUNION (P. 216) ❖

The newly baptized candidates should now be sitting.

Rodney Kadura: *In addition to our candidates who were just baptized, we have several individuals who were already validly baptized into another Christian profession of faith. In the Catholic Church, we do not rebaptize people who have already been validly baptized with water using the Trinitarian formula – “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” – because we profess in our creed and believe in “one baptism for the forgiveness of sins”. So, in lieu of baptism, we are going to ask these individuals to make a profession of faith to the Catholic Church. At this time, I am going to call each candidate by name to come forward, with their sponsor, and stand at the base of the stairs in front of the altar in the same way our candidates for baptism did. I will then individually ask you and your sponsor to come up the stairs into the sanctuary where each candidate will make their profession of faith. While the candidate is making this*

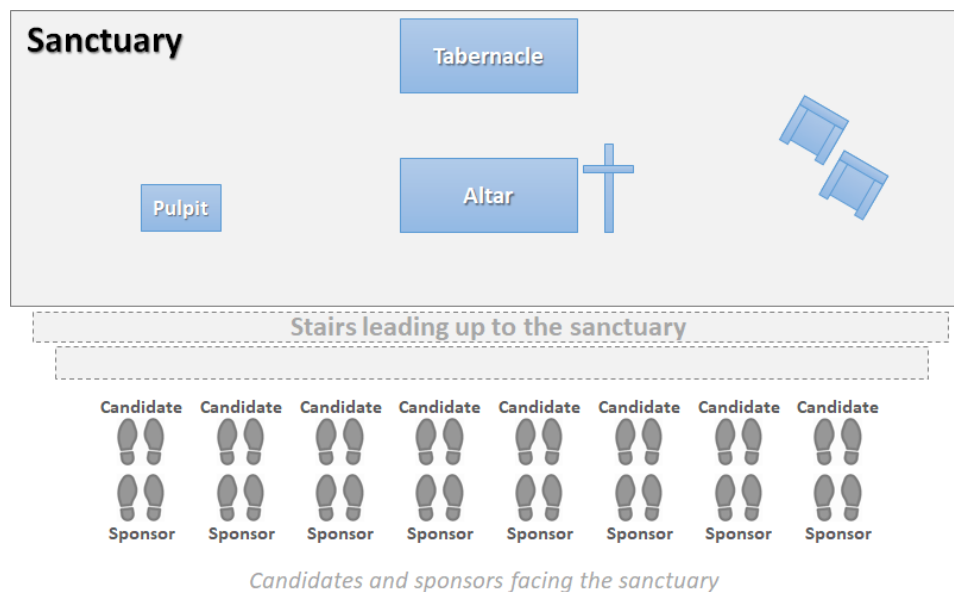
profession, I'd ask that your sponsor place their right hand on your shoulder. When you are done, return to the base of the stairs.

The following candidates who have been validly baptized outside the Catholic Church are now invited, by name, with their sponsors, to come forward:

1. Tyler Mathis

2. Brit Mullen

Candidates and sponsors stand at the base of the stairs, just as the candidates for Baptism did:



The celebrant then addresses the candidates by name:

Deacon Roger: _____, 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 sponsors 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 eucharistic table of the Lord Jesus, the sign of the Church's unity.

The celebrant will ask each candidate to make the following profession of faith:

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

The celebrant will lay his right hand on the head of any candidate and prays:

Deacon Roger: _____, 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.

❖ CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION (P. 216) ❖

Rodney Kadura: *The next Sacrament we will offer to our candidates is the Sacrament of Confirmation. At this time, I am going to ask that those candidates who were just baptized come forward and stand beside those who just made a profession of faith and were received into the Catholic Church.*

The candidates for Confirmation (those who were just now baptized into the Catholic faith **and** those who were previously baptized into the Catholic faith but still need to be confirmed) are asked to come forward, by name, and join those who just made their profession of faith. The full group includes:

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| 1. Kaitlyn Barnett | 3. Tyler Mathis* |
| 2. Megan Tucker | 4. Brit Mullen* |

* Already standing for profession of faith.

Invitation (p. 216)

The candidates for Confirmation, with their sponsors, stand before the celebrant. Father Dariusz prays over them saying:

Deacon Roger: My dear candidates for Confirmation, by your baptism you have been born again in Christ and you have become members of Christ and of 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.

Then, Deacon Roger addresses the congregation:

Deacon Roger: My dear friends, let us pray to God our Father, that he will pour out the Holy Spirit on these candidates for confirmation to strengthen them with his gifts and anoint them to be more like Christ, the Son of God.

All pray briefly in silence.

Laying on of Hands (p. 218)

Father Dariusz holds his hands outstretched over the entire group of those to be confirmed and says the following prayer:

Priest: 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;
to be their helper and guide.
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.

Candidates: Amen.

Anointing with Chrism (p. 218)

Rodney Kadura: *The final step of the Sacrament of Confirmation is the anointing with oil. I will call each candidate and sponsor, one at a time, to come up the stairs of the sanctuary. While the candidate is being anointed with oil, I'd ask their sponsor to place their right hand on the candidate's shoulder.*

Father Dariusz will walk down the line of candidates, anointing each with chrism on the forehead. While doing so, the sponsor (or sponsors) **place their right hand on the shoulder of the candidate.**



Father Dariusz will dip his right thumb in the chrism and make the sign of the cross on the forehead of the one to be confirmed saying:

Father Dariusz: _____, be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Candidate: Amen.

Father Dariusz: Peace be with you.

Candidate: And with your spirit.

After all candidates have been confirmed, they will be motioned to return, as a group, to their seats.

❖ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ❖

All of the newly confirmed, along with those young adults who will be making their First Communion, are invited to participate in the **Liturgy of the Eucharist** (refer to page 22 in the missalette).

When it comes time for Communion, **we are going to allow the young people making their first communion in the pews on the left side of the church to receive first.** So RCIA participants will wait in their pews until they are done. Then you may come forward. Don't worry. I will be there to direct traffic.

When you come to the altar, it is customary to bow reverently when there is one person in line in front of you. (If you are the first in line, bow before receiving communion.)

To receive the Host, cup your left hand and place it on top of your right hand. When Father places the Host in your left hand (don't grab it) simply take the Host with your right hand and immediately consume. You may, if you choose, move to the right several feet after taking Communion and make the sign of the cross towards the altar. Then return to your pew.



You may chew the host or allow the host to dissolve in your mouth, your choice. Just be mindful that this the Eucharist **is the Body and Blood of Christ**. In other words, it is *His Life* that he is sharing with us.

The same life that he laid down on the cross, he gives to us in the Eucharistic meal. It is, as Catholic theologians note, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. And it is the reason the Catholic Church calls the Eucharist “the source and summit of Christian life”.

Kaitlyn, Megan, Tyler and Brit: Congratulations! You are now, or are about to become, a member of Sacred Heart and St. Mary’s parish family. May God richly bless you and your families, now and forever.