

Priest: 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.

Priest: 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

Priest: 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 judgment 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

Priest: (Name), be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Candidate: Amen.

Priest: Peace be with you.

Candidate: And with your spirit.



Prayer of the Faithful

Reader: Lord hear us

All: Lord graciously hear us

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father.....

Priest: Let us pray

Lord, help those you have anointed by your Spirit. Support them through every trial and by their works of love build up the Church in holiness and joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

CONCLUDING RITE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Priest: God our Father made you His children by water and the Holy Spirit, may He bless you and watch over you with His fatherly love.

All: Amen.

Priest: Jesus Christ, the Son of God promised that the Spirit of truth would be with His Church for ever, may He bless you and give you courage in professing the true faith.

All: Amen.

Priest: The Holy Spirit came down upon the disciples and set their hearts on fire with love. May He bless you, keep you one in faith and love, and bring you to the joy of God's Kingdom.

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Final Hymn

Church of Divine Mercy Lucan South Parish



Confirmation Booklet

All Schools

Opening Hymn:



Welcome! It is good to be here today to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with you. It seems like a very long time since we began to prepare for this day. We have all had to dig very deep over the last few months, deep inside ourselves to find the courage and strength to live in a very different way, to stay together while being apart. The girls and boys had to dig deep to prepare themselves to celebrate this sacrament in a different way than they thought they would at the beginning of this year. But they did it, they are here, they are ready, ready to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, ready to be showered with the gifts that the Holy Spirit brings and ready to confirm their acceptance of the faith that you, their parents gifted them at baptism.

Introduction to Symbols:

As we begin our ceremony, here in our sacred space we have symbols to remind us of our journey of faith so far.

An icon of the Holy family, a symbol representing each family here today whatever form it takes. Family is the place where we learn to live with others. It's where we first come to know love, where we grow, where we learn to belong, to forgive and to be forgiven.

A Baptism Candle. Our journey began when our parents chose Baptism for us and at our Ceremony of Light we will receive the light of faith to light our way in our faith journey.

Bread and Grapes. We are nourished on our journey by the Eucharist.

A Cross, a symbol of God's love, available to us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When we lose our way, we know we can look for God's forgiveness.

The oil of Chrism. We were blessed with oil at our Baptism and today we will be anointed to witness to Jesus in the world.

The Holy Bible. Through the word of God we learn about God and how we should live our lives. We pray that the Holy Spirit will be with us as we continue our journey

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:

(parents please make the Sign of the Cross on your child's forehead as you did on the day of baptism)

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Penitential rite

Opening Prayer

Priest: 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.

All: Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: The Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And with your Spirit

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew
25: 14-29**

All: Glory to you, O Lord

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Renewal of Baptismal Promises Priest (*Lights 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.

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

Candidates: I do.

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

Candidates: I do.

Priest: 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.

Priest: 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.

