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**Confirmation Mass**

**at**

**(Insert name of Church/ Parish here)**

**on**

**(insert date here)**

**Celebrant: Archbishop Timothy Costelloe**

The Introductory Rites

**Processional Hymn**

*Insert text here.*

**Sign of the Cross/ Greeting**

**Penitential Act**

Archbishop:Brothers and Sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,

and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred

mysteries.

**All: I confess to almighty God**

**and to you, my brothers and sisters,**

**that I have greatly sinned,**

**in my thoughts and in my words,**

**in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,**

**through my fault, through my fault,**

**through my most grievous fault;**

**therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,**

**all the Angels and Saints,**

**and you, my brothers and sisters,**

**to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Archbishop:May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

**All: Amen.**

Archbishop:Lord, have mercy. **(Will this be sung – yes/no?)**

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Archbishop: Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

Archbishop: Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**Gloria (Will this be sung – yes/no?)**

**All: Glory to God in the Highest,**

**and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,**

**we bless you,**

**we adore you,**

**we glorify you,**

**we give you thanks for your great glory,**

**Lord God, heavenly King.**

**O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord, Jesus Christ, Only begotten Son,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God, son of the Father,**

**you take away the sins of the world,**

**have mercy on us;**

**you take away the sins of the world,**

**receive our prayer;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading**

*-Insert text here.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

*-Insert text here.*

**Second Reading**

*-Insert text here.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

*-Insert text here.*

**Gospel**

*-Insert text here.*

The Rite of Confirmation

**Presentation of the Candidates**

Parish Priest:Would those who are to be confirmed please stand.

Your Grace, the Parish community of *(insert name here)* wishes to present to you these candidates who have been prepared to receive the fullness of Christian initiation in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

It is my privilege to present them to you.

Archbishop: Do you judge them to have been prepared to receive the sacrament?

Parish Priest:Yes, I believe with the help of their parents and teachers that they are suitably prepared.

Archbishop: Thanks be to God. I gladly accept these candidates to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

*Please be seated*

**Homily**

**Renewal of Baptismal Promises -** *Candidates are invited to stand.*

Archbishop: Do you renounce Satan and all his works and empty promises?

**Candidates: I do.**

Archbishop: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

**Candidates: I do.**

Archbishop: 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?

**Candidates: I do.**

Archbishop: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who today through the Sacrament of Confirmation is given to you in a special way just as he was given to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost?

**Candidates: I do.**

Archbishop: 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.**

Archbishop: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**Laying on of Hands**

Archbishop: Dearly beloved,

let us pray to God the almighty Father,

for these, his adopted sons and daughters,

already born again to eternal life in Baptism,

that he will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon them

to confirm them with his abundant gifts,

and through his anointing

conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God.

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;

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.

**All: Amen.**

*Candidates are seated.*

**Anointing of the Candidates**

*Congregation remains seated.*

*The Chrism is brought to the Celebrant. Candidates give their Confirmation card to the Acolyte and standing in front of Archbishop Costelloe, say their Confirmation name.*

*The Sponsor places his/her right hand on the candidate's right shoulder.*

***Archbishop Costelloe will make the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate.***

Archbishop:Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Candidate: Amen.**

Archbishop: Peace be with you.

**Newly Confirmed:** **And with your Spirit.**

**Universal Prayer**

*These prayers are only examples taken from ‘The Order of Confirmation pages 16-17’. You may wish to adjust them to suit your community celebration.*

Archbishop:My dear brothers and sisters,

Let us humbly pray to God the almighty Father

and be of one mind in our prayer,

just as faith, hope and charity,

which proceed from His Holy Spirit, are one.

For these his servants,

whom the gift of the Holy Spirit has confirmed:

that, planted in faith and grounded in love,

they may bear witness to Christ the Lord

by their way of life,

let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

For their parents and sponsors:

that by word and example

they may continue to encourage

those whom they have sponsored in the faith

to follow in the footsteps of Christ,

let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the holy Church of God

together with Francis our Pope,

Timothy our Bishop and all the Bishops:

that, gathered by the Holy Spirit,

the Church may grow and increase in unity

of faith and love until the coming of the Lord.

let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the whole world:

that all people, who have one Maker and Father,

may acknowledge one another as brothers and sisters,

without discrimination of race or nation,

and with sincere hearts seek the Kingdom of God,

which is peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,

let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Archbishop: O God, who gave the Holy Spirit to your Apostles

and willed that through them and their successors

the same Spirit be handed on to the rest of the faithful,

listen favorably to our prayer,

and grant that your divine grace,

which was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed,

may now spread through the hearts of those

who believe in you.

Through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

**Preparation of the Offerings**

***-Insert text of hymn here.***

**Holy, Holy, Holy (Will this be sung – yes/no?)**

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Memorial Acclamation**  **(Will this be sung – yes/no?)**

**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,**

**and profess your Resurrection**

**until you come again.**

**Great Amen (Will this be sung – yes/no?)**

Priests:Through him, and with him, and in him,

O God, almighty Father

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory and honour is yours,

for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

Archbishop:At the Saviour’s command and formed by divine teaching we dare to say:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name;**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,**

**and forgive us our trespasses**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

Archbishop: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil,

graciously grant peace in our days,

that, by the help of your mercy,

we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress,

as we await the blessed hope

and the coming of our

Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever.**

**Lamb of God (Will this be sung – yes/no?)**

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;**

**grant us peace.**

**Communion Hymn**

***-Insert text here***

**Post-Communion Hymn**

***-Insert text here***

The Concluding Rite

**Solemn Blessing and Dismissal**

Archbishop: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Archbishop: Bow down for the blessing.

Archbishop: May God the Father Almighty bless you,

whom He has made His adopted sons and daughters

reborn from water and the Holy Spirit,

and may He keep You worthy of His fatherly love.

**All:** **Amen.**

Archbishop: May His Only Begotten Son,

Who promised that the Spirit of truth

would abide in His Church,

bless you and confirm you by His power

in the confession of the true Faith.

**All: Amen.**

Archbishop: May the Holy Spirit,

Who kindles the fire of charity in the hearts of disciples,

bless you and lead you, blameless and gathered as one,

into the joy of the Kingdom of God.

**All: Amen.**

Archbishop: May almighty God bless you,

the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

ArchbishopGo forth, the Mass is ended.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Recessional Hymn**

***-Insert text here***