

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

“...to ensure that the faithful who come together as one establish communion and dispose themselves to listen properly to God’s word and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily.” (GIRM, #46)

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

• **Entrance Song / Procession** (GIRM, #47)

• Open the celebration; Foster Unity; Introduce the season or festivity; Accompany the procession

• *Should we include the candidates?*

• Check with your diocesan Office of Worship for guidelines.

• If yes, where and how?

• Thurifer (Incense), Cross, Candles, Candidates, Book of the Gospels, Concelebrants, Bishop

• What do they do?

• Reverence the tabernacle (genuflection) or altar (bow)

• Carry worship aids for singing

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

• **Sign of the Cross / Greeting**• **Act of Penitence**• **Kyrie Eleison**• ***Blessing and Sprinkling of Water***

• The Sprinkling Rite may replace the Act of Penitence, since it emphasizes the relationship between Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist as sacraments of Christian Initiation. (RM, Appendix II)

• Appropriate music is sung. (RM, Appendix II, #4.)



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• **Gloria**

• The Gloria is sung (though not as part of the Sprinkling Rite) when it is prescribed (RM, Appendix II, #6)

• **Collect**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

• “For in the readings, as explained by the homily, God speaks to his people... offering them spiritual nourishment; Christ himself is present in the midst of the faithful through his word.

• By their silence and singing the people make God’s word their own... affirm their adherence to it by means of the Profession of Faith... they pour out their petitions in the Prayer of the Faithful for the needs of the entire Church and for the salvation of the whole world.” (GIRM, #55)

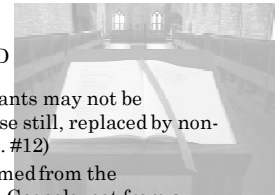
## LITURGY OF THE WORD

• The biblical readings & chants may not be omitted, shortened, or “worse still, replaced by non-biblical readings.” (LM Intr., #12)

• Readings are to be proclaimed from the Lectionary, and Book of the Gospels, not from a missalette, leaflet, or other pastoral aids. (LM Intr., #37)

• Speaking style must be audible, clear, and intelligent. (LM Intr., #14)

• The readings are always to be proclaimed at the ambo. (LM Intr., #16)



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Choosing Scripture Readings**

- Lectionary for Mass – Weekdays, Saints, **Ritual**, and Votive Masses
- Confirmation (LM #764-768)
- First Communion for Children (LM #769)



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**·First Reading****·Psalm**

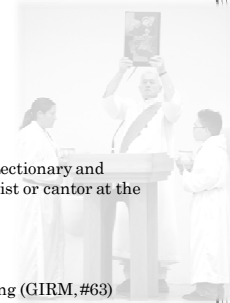
- The psalm should be taken from the Lectionary and should be preferable sung by the psalmist or cantor at the ambo. (GIRM, #61; LM Intr., #22)

**·Second Reading****·Gospel Acclamation**

- The *Alleluia* may be omitted if not sung (GIRM, #63)

**·Gospel Reading**

- A deacon proclaims the gospel; if there is no deacon, a priest proclaims the gospel



## RITE OF CONFIRMATION

**·Presentation of the Candidates**

- The priest, deacon or catechist presents the candidates for confirmation, according to the custom of the region. (RC, #21)

**·Homily****·Renewal of Baptismal Promises**

- The Profession of Faith is omitted in the celebration of Confirmation, since the candidates renew their baptismal promises during the Rite of Confirmation.
- Affirmed by the community ("Amen" or song) (RC, #23)

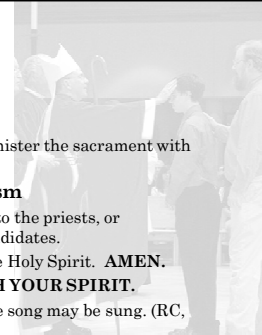
## RITE OF CONFIRMATION

**·The Laying on of Hands**

- Bishop and priests who will minister the sacrament with him.

**·The Anointing with Chrism**

- Candidates go to the bishop or to the priests, or bishop/priests may go to the candidates.
- N., be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**
- Peace be with you. **AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.**
- During the Anointing a suitable song may be sung. (RC, #29)



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**·The General Intercessions (Prayer of the Faithful)**

- Proclaimed by the deacon or another minister.
- If Confirmation or First Communion candidates are chosen to do this, they should be well rehearsed and be able to speak the intercessions prayerfully.
- As a rule, the series of intentions is to be
  - For the needs of the Church
  - For public authorities & salvation of the whole world;
  - For those burdened by any kind of difficulty;
  - For the local community.
- In a particular celebration, such as Confirmation, Marriage, or a Funeral, the series of intentions may reflect more closely the particular occasion. (GIRM, #70)

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**·The General Intercessions (Prayer of the Faithful)**

- Content
  - Church, World, Those in need, Local community
- Consistent format
  - FOR** Christians of every race, color, and tradition, and for all who see the face of Christ in one another. (pause) We pray to the Lord.
  - FOR** Christians of every race, color, and tradition, (pause); **THAT** they see in one another the face of Christ. We pray to the Lord.
  - THAT** Christians of every race, color, and tradition see the face of Christ in one another. (pause) We pray to the Lord.
- Response... spoken or sung?
  - Lord, hear our prayer
  - other

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

•The Liturgy of the Eucharist is celebrated according to the *Order of Mass*, with these exceptions:

- The profession of faith is omitted, since it has already been made (Confirmation Liturgy);
- Some of the newly confirmed [*or first communion candidates*] may join those who bring the gifts to the altar. (RC, #31)
- Communion may be given under both kinds. (RC, #32)

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### •Preparation of the Altar & Gifts of Bread/Wine

- Altar is prepared by placing on it the corporal, purificator, Missal, and chalice.
- The offerings are then brought forward; Bread and wine presented by the faithful; money or other gifts for the poor or for the church. (GIRM, #73)
- Accompanied by song (GIRM, #74)

#### •Prayer Over the Offerings

- Concludes the preparation of the gifts and prepare for the Eucharistic Prayer. (GIRM, #77)

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### •Eucharistic Prayer

- “Now the center and summit of the entire celebration begins: namely, the Eucharistic Prayer, that is, the prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification.” (GIRM, #78)
- The people take part by listening attentively, joining their hearts and minds to the actions of the prayer, joining their voices in the acclamations: The *Sanctus*, Memorial Acclamation and the Amen. “These acclamations should be sung, especially on Sundays and solemnities.” (STL, #180)

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST – COMMUNION RITE

#### •The Lord's Prayer

#### •The Rite of Peace

#### •The Fraction

#### •Communion

- The Communion song begins while the priest is receiving the Sacrament, and continues for as long as the Sacrament is being administered to the faithful.
- There may also be a hymn after communion. (GIRM, #86)

#### •Prayer after Communion

### CONCLUDING RITES (GIRM, #90)

#### •Brief Announcements

- “If they are necessary”

#### •Priest's greeting and blessing

- May be more solemn formula

#### •Dismissal

- So that each may go out to do good works, praising and blessing God

#### •Veneration of the altar by the priest and deacon

### EXTRAS

#### •Stoles

#### •Candles

#### •Blessing of Religious Articles

#### •Pictures & Video

#### •Involving Candidates... when, where & how

#### •Rehearsal

#### •What else...?

Will these things lead ALL people to  
FULL, ACTIVE PARTICIPATION?