

# DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

## GUIDELINES FOR CONFIRMATION

1. The Baptism of adults and young people will normally take place at the service of Confirmation.
2. (a) The service of Holy Baptism Confirmation in Holy Communion from A Prayer Book for Australia commencing page 51 will be used when there are candidates for both Baptism and Confirmation. This service also provides for the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows and Reception.

The Service of Confirmation from A Prayer Book for Australia commencing page 84 will be used when there are candidates for Confirmation but none for Baptism. This service also provides for the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows and Reception.

- (b) Please note that a hymn or part hymn should be after the sermon to enable the Bishop to vest again in cope and mitre.
  - (c) The Oil of Chrism is used for the signing of the Cross after Baptism. For Confirmation candidates previously baptised the Chrism is used directly after the Laying on of Hands.
  - (d) During Baptism and Confirmation two Liturgical Assistants, or servers should stand on either side of the Bishop – the one on the left to hold the Pastoral Staff and the other to hold the oil stock and purificator.
3. Normally candidates should be at least fifteen years of age unless otherwise agreed with the Bishop.
  4. It is important that the candidates should be instructed in the simplest way of moving in and out of their seats for Presentation.
  5. The form “LIST OF CANDIDATES PRESENTED FOR CONFIRMATION” is to be prepared in duplicate. One copy is sent to the Bishop a month before the Confirmation, the second copy to be handed to the Bishop at the Confirmation. This does enable the Bishop to pray for candidates by name prior to the service.

The Bishop will sign one copy of the LIST OF CANDIDATES PRESENTED FOR CONFIRMATION for the Diocesan records and will sign the duplicate in the parish when he arrives. It is normal for the parish to keep a Confirmation Register which should be signed by the Bishop and also for a Certificate of Confirmation to be signed by the Bishop and handed to the candidates certifying their Confirmation. It is appropriate that the Bishop should sign these cards just prior to the service.

6. At the time of Confirmation, candidates should come forward one at a time.

The Bishop will normally wish to meet the candidates, preferably with their families and sponsors, before the service.

The liturgical colour for Confirmation is normally white.