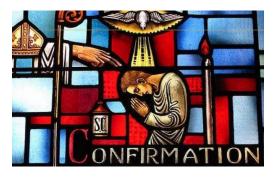


Come Holy Spírít, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Presentation of the

Creed



Sacrament of Confirmation



After the homily, the Priest invites the children to the front of the Church and addresses them in these or similar words:

Celebrant: Today we welcome our children who are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation, and their parents. We give thanks for the faith passed on to these children by their parents. I now invite our candidates to come forward and to kneel while we pray that they will grow strong in faith.....

Catechist should now read the names of the children and they should go forward and kneel.

Celebrant: The Creed that we recite each Sunday at Mass tells us what we believe as Christians. When we were Baptised, our parents and Godparents recited the Creed on our behalf; they recognised the great gift of faith in Jesus Christ and they wanted that most precious gift for you, their children. At Confirmation, you will recite the Creed for yourself, proclaiming to everyone that you believe in God, His Church and the teachings of the Church.

The Priest now blesses the copies of the Creed.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, bless these copies of the Creed which we present to these children today. Grant that these words of faith will remain in the minds and hearts of these children and that they will courageously profess their faith in you.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord,

All: Amen.

The Priest now presents each child with a copy of the Creed.

Celebrant: My dear friends, listen carefully to the words of that faith by which we are all justified. These words are few, but the mysteries they contain are great. Receive them with a sincere heart and be faithful to them by your Christian way of life:

Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed is now recited by all.

Celebrant: Dear children, we have just listened to the Creed which sums up what we believe in as Christians. As you continue your final preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation, I ask you to say your yes to all that we believe and invite you to stand around the altar. May we all now join with these children as we renew our Baptismal promises. Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

All: I do

Celebrant: 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?

All: I do

Celebrant: 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?

All: I do

Celebrant: Parents, children, catechists and all brothers and sisters joining us today, I ask you to repeat after me:

This is our Faith. (All: This is our Faith)

This is the Faith of the Church. (All: This is the Faith of the Church.)

We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus, Our Lord. (All: We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus, Our Lord.)

All: Amen.