

The Candidate's Responses during the Sacrament of Confirmation

After Bishop McGrattan has finished his homily the candidates will be asked to **stand and renew** their **baptismal promises**. The response is **"I do" (Loudly)**. After the Bishop says: "This is our faith. This is the faith of our Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord." The response is **"Amen" (Loudly)**

Laying on of hands - After a prayer Bishop McGrattan and Father will extend their hands over the candidates and the Bishop says a prayer asking for the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The Anointing with the Oil of Chrism takes place. (*No music* and *no pictures* during the Anointing please) The candidates will come forward with their sponsor. The sponsor places their right hand on the candidate's right shoulder and stands slightly behind the candidate. **Step close to the Bishop so he does not have to reach out.** The sponsor hands the name card to the Pastor, who is on the Bishop's left, for the Bishop to read it. Sponsor says **"Bishop, I present to you for Confirmation, N."** This way, the Bishop can hear and read the name.

The Bishop anoints the candidate on the forehead with the Oil of Chrism with the sign of the cross..

Bishop McGrattan will say...

"Confirmation Name, Be sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit."

Candidates Response: **"Amen" (Loudly)**

Bishop McGrattan says: "Peace be with you."

Candidates Response: **"And With your Spirit."**

The Candidate and the Sponsor then return to their seats.