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The BISHOP receives the miter and crozier for the Presentation of the candidates.  
The Minister (catechist or pastor) introduces the candidates, as a group.  
Candidates stand and the BISHOP begins a dialogue with them.

Then the BISHOP removes the miter and puts aside the crozier.

## HOMILY

The BISHOP offers the Homily.

## RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

The BISHOP receives the miter and crozier, and standing, invites the candidates to stand and renew their Baptismal promises:

**My dear candidates, I now ask you to stand.**

Candidates stand in place.

When all are standing, the BISHOP, wearing the miter and with the crozier, continues:

**Before you receive the Spirit,  
I ask you to renew the profession of faith  
you made in Baptism  
or your parents and godparents made  
in union with the whole Church.**

**And so, I ask you:**

**Do you renounce Satan,  
and all his works and empty promises?** R. I do.

**Do you believe in God the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth?** R. I do.

**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?** R. I do.

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The Minister (catechist or pastor) introduces the candidates, either by name (<20) or as a group.  
Candidates stand and the Bishop begins a dialogue with them.

Then the Bishop removes the miter and puts aside the crozier.

#### HOMILY

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#### RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

The Bishop receives the miter and crozier, and standing, invites the candidates to stand and renew their Baptismal promises:

**Mis queridos candidatos, ahora pido que te quedes.**

Candidates stand in place.

When all are standing, the Bishop, wearing the miter and with the crozier, continues:

**Ahora, antes de que reciba el don del Espíritu Santo,  
conviene que renueven personalmente la profesión de fe,  
que sus padres y sus padrinos hicieron,  
en unión con toda la Iglesia, el día de su bautismo.**

**Y así, te pido:**

**¿Renuncian ustedes a Satanás,  
y a todas sus obras y seducciones? R. Sí, renuncio.**

**¿Creen ustedes en Dios, Padre todopoderoso,  
creador del cielo y de la tierra? R. Sí, creo.**

**¿Creen en Jesucristo,  
su Hijo único y Señor nuestro,  
que nació de la Virgen María,  
padeció y murió por nosotros,  
resucitó y está sentado a la derecha del Padre? R. Sí, creo.**

**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?**

R. I do.

**Do you believe in the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting?**

R. I do.

**This is our faith.  
this is the faith of the Church.  
We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord. R.Amen.**

LAYING ON OF HANDS

The BISHOP faces the people and with hands joined, says:

**D**early 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 this anointing  
conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God.

All pray in silence for a short time.

**¿Creen en el Espíritu Santo, Señor y dador de vida,  
que hoy les va a ser comunicado de un modo singular  
por el Sacramentó de la Confirmación,  
como fue dado a los Apóstoles el día de Pentecostés? R. Sí, creo**

**¿Creen en la Santa Iglesia Católica, en la comunión de los  
Santos, en el perdón de los pecados, en la resurrección  
de los muertos y en la vida eterna? R. Sí, creo.**

**Esta es nuestra fe.  
Esta es la fe de la Iglesia, que nos gloriamos de profesar,  
en Jesucristo , nuestro Señor. R. Amén.**

#### LAYING ON OF HANDS

*The Bishop faces the people and with hands joined, says:*

**O**remos, hermanos, a Dios, Padre todopoderoso,  
por estés hijos suyos,  
que renacieron ya la vida eterna en el Bautismo,  
para que envié abundantemente sobre ellos  
al Espíritu Santo,  
a fin de que este mismo Espíritu  
los fortalezca con la abundancia de sus dones,  
los consagre con su unción espiritual  
y haga de ellos imagen fiel de Jesucristo.

*All pray in silence for a short time.*

The BISHOP, removing the Miter and setting aside the crozier, holds his hands outstretched over all the candidates and says:

**A**lmighty 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.**

*R. Amen.*

#### ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

The BISHOP, putting on the miter and taking up the crozier, goes to the place for anointing, and, using the proper formulary, anoints each candidate as their sponsor places their right hand on the shoulder of the candidate.

Then the BISHOP dips his right thumb in the Chrism, and, making a sign of the Cross on the forehead, says:

**N.**, be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

**Peace be with you.** *And with your Spirit.*

The newly confirmed return to their places.

After all have been confirmed, the BISHOP washes his hands and returns to the Chair.

The Bishop, removing the Miter and setting aside the crozier, holds his hands outstretched over all the candidates and says:

**D**ios Todopoderoso,  
Padre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo,  
que has hecho nacer de nuevo a estos hijos tuyos  
por medio del agua y del Espíritu Santo,  
librándolos del pecado,  
escucha nuestra oración  
y envía sobre ellos al Espíritu Santo Consolador:  
espíritu de sabiduría y de inteligencia,  
espíritu de consejo y de fortaleza,  
espíritu de ciencia, de piedad  
y de tu santo temor.

**Por Jesucristo, nuestro Señor.                      R. Amén.**

#### ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

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As each candidate approaches, the Bishop dips his right thumb in the Chrism, and, making a sign of the Cross on the forehead, says:

**N., recibe por esta señal el Don del Espíritu Santo.      Amén.**

**La paz esté contigo.                      Y con tu espíritu.**

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#### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

The BISHOP introduces the Intercessions and the Deacon, or another Minister, reads the intentions.