

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT CHURCH  
A Catholic Community of the  
Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter

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THE RITES OF  
RECEPTION & CONFIRMATION

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*Fellow Christians wishing to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church must, after an appropriate period of discernment and instruction, publicly profess their faith in the Church's teachings and then be formally received and confirmed. This brochure contains the form of your profession of faith and the rites which will be used on that joyous occasion.*

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THE RITE OF RECEPTION

THE PRESENTATION [by your sponsor] ✠

Reverend Father in God, I present unto you [Name(s)] to receive the laying on of hands and anointing in the Holy Spirit and thus to be admitted to the communion of the Catholic Church.

THE INVITATION ✠

Dearly beloved in the Lord, [Name(s)], by Holy Baptism God our Father gave you new birth to eternal life, and now you seek to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church. You have made your decision after careful thought under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I now invite you in the presence of God and of this Congregation to profess the Catholic faith, to receive the seal of the Holy Spirit, and to be one with us at the Eucharistic Table of our Lord Jesus Christ, the very sign and instrument of the unity of his holy Church.

## THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us recite the articles of our belief.

*I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, [kneel] and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; [stand] and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, † and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

Do you profess this faith?

*I believe and profess all that the holy Catholic Church believes, teaches, and proclaims to be revealed by God.*

Do you renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh, so that you will not follow, nor be led by them?

*I renounce them all; and, by God's help, will endeavour not to follow, nor be led by them.*

Will you endeavour to keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of your life?  
*I will, God being my helper.*

[Name(s)], the Lord receives you into the Catholic Church.

## THE CONFIRMATION

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;  
*Who hath made heaven and earth.*

Blessed be the Name of the Lord;  
*Now and forever.*

Lord, hear our prayer.  
*And let our cry come unto thee.*

Dearly beloved, by Holy Baptism, God our Father gave *these* his adopted *sons and daughters* new birth to eternal life. Let us therefore pray him to pour out upon *them* the Holy Spirit, to strengthen *them* in *their* faith, and to anoint *them* that *they* may be more like Christ the Son of God: that *they* may continue his for ever, and daily increase in the Holy Spirit, more and more, until *they* come unto God's everlasting kingdom.

[*All pray briefly in silence*]

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast brought *these* thy 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. *Amen.*

[*These responses are said by the Celebrant and each Confirmand, alone:*]

[Name], be ✠ sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

*Amen.*

Peace be with thee.

*And with thy spirit.*

Defend, O Lord, *these* thy servants with thy heavenly grace, that *they* may continue thine for ever; and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit, more and more, until *they* come unto thy everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

Seeing now, dearly beloved brethren, that *these* our *brothers and sisters*, regenerate, and grafted into the body of Christ's Church, by Baptism and the Seal of the Holy Spirit, let us give thanks unto Almighty God for these benefits; and with one accord make our prayers unto him, that *they* may lead the rest of *their lives* according to this beginning.

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### Some Notes Regarding Confirmation ✠

*As at Baptism, those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation are required to have a Sponsor. This man or woman must be a Catholic in good standing. Although not required, it is a Catholic tradition of long standing and wide observance to take a "confirmation name" at the reception of that Sacrament. The tradition of taking a new name at a significant point in one's life ultimately stems from the Book of Isaiah: I have called you by a new name (45:3-4) and the practice can be traced throughout the Bible: Abraam became Abraham and Jacob became Israel in the Old Testament; Simon became Peter and Saul became Paul in the New. If you were given a middle name at Baptism your confirmation name would be added after it: thus "Mary Anne Smith," might become "Mary Anne Elizabeth Smith." If you decide to follow this tradition the name chosen should be that of a canonised Saint or Blessed to whom you are especially devoted or whose particular patronage you desire; a name used in your family might also be selected. Make sure the Clergy who will officiate knows of your choice as this is the name by which you will be confirmed. ✠*