

TRINITY NEWS

Confirmation in the Episcopal/Anglican Church

Confirmation is a Sacrament of the Church. This is affirmed in that it is administered only by a Bishop. It is like Holy Orders in that the Bishop is the key participant. That is, as the administrator of Confirmation.

Confirmation was originally thought to be the way in which the Holy Spirit is imparted after Baptism. But today the Church clearly recognises that Baptism is the primary entry sacrament and that the work and operation of the Holy Spirit in the primary initiation sacrament is clear. This recognition is also immensely supportive of the person who enters that journey. We are very committed to recognising the primary importance of Baptism in Christian initiation. But we also give a place to Confirmation because it is the public liturgical recognition of the personal acceptance by a person of the promises made on their behalf at their baptism. This is necessary because this Church practises the baptism of children. We also have provision for adults to be confirmed who have been baptized as adults. But Confirmation itself is primarily a signal to the worshipping community that the person accepts their place within the faith community and makes a public commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

The sacramental sign of Confirmation is found in the laying-on-of-hands of the Bishop. It is also made tangible in the commitment that is made on behalf of the Church to nurture this Confirmed person in the sacramental life of the Church and every other endeavour of the Church, particularly its mission. Those who come to be confirmed should come with the clear intention to follow Christ and to live their faith. That is, in regular worship and in practising their faith in every avenue of their life and their interaction with the world.

A Sacrament is “an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace” according to the classical definition. The outward sign is the intention of the person to be Confirmed and also the laying on of hands of the Bishop on behalf of the Church. The inward sign is demonstrated in living the Christian life. The Bishop is the Church’s primary instrument as an intentional focus of the presence of the Holy Spirit in this interaction within the body of Christ. We welcome with love those who come to be confirmed. Please do not come without a full intention to live out the precepts that are spelled out in the act of Confirmation. It is not meant to be a graduation to anything. It is meant to signify an acceptance of the promises of Christ, and to welcome him into our lives in a public and inspirational way. We assure you today of our love and concern and our loving support on the journey.

The Sacramental Signs are everywhere today, and so is the intention of your family and the Church and all who love you to bring you closer to God and to make you a member of the body of Christ in a more personal way. You are affirming your Baptismal vows in your own right today. That is, to acknowledge the truth about God, to live your life in a more formal expression of the Christian faith that is heartfelt, and also to take up the mission for Christ in the world to bring more people to his heart.

This is accentuated by reason and tradition linked together and most of all, a trust in the Scriptures that speak of the Christ in such powerful and loving terms. The evidence is there for his deep love of all of us and his unique expression of a sanctified humanity and his unique expression of the human face of God.

We CONFIRM today:

OUR FAITH

OUR TRUST IN THE SAVING GRACE OF CHRIST

OUR EMPHASIS ON COMMUNITY

Bishop Arthur Jones

TO PLAN:

Today.

- Sunday school, 9:15

Nov. 9, Tuesday.

- Bible Study, 10am
- Bible Study, 7:15 pm @ the Tutton Residence (#3 Sta. Potenciana, Urdaneta Village, Makati)

Nov. 11, Thursday.

- Midweek Eucharist, 10am, Chapel
- Bible Study, 7:15pm @ the Malpass Residence (Apt 7-C Twin Towers, West Tower, Ayala Avenue, Makati City)

Nov. 13, Saturday.

- Christmas Pageant rehearsal, 10am

Nov. 14.

- REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, 9:30am

Nov. 21.

- Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, 6:00pm, Union Church of Manila

Next week's readings:

Malachi 3:13-4:2a,5-6;

Psalm 98;

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13;

Luke 21:5-19

Your prayers are asked in our healing ministry for Diana Croyston, JPeter, Beryl Tanner, Ron Thoburn, Suzanne Jacobson, Cena Quiapos, Ron Jacob, Bonnie SyCip, Fidelia Matthews, Jovel Llagas, Ted Whale, Avelina Collado, Emma Duhaylongsod, Loy Solasco, Emerinciana Gatela, Amy Gonzales, Carrie Angus, Augusto Natividad, Eric Williamson, Susan Dalmas, Carlyn-Fern Manning, Richard Kendall, Jaqueline Acquiatan, Johnny Manning Jr, Sunny Cabanang, Valerie Jones, Gloria Domingo, Katsi Araneta, Emilie Nauntofte, Marian Kermanshahchi, Rosaline Soulsby, Fr. Barry Cumberland, Divinagracia Benitez, Les Vye-Parminter, Wilson Teh

	Last Sunday	Year-to-date	Proportionate Budget	2010 Budget
Pledge	P22,700.00	P3,072,141.80	P3,300,000.00	P3,900,000.00
Loose Plate	P14,110.00	P724,113.73	P795,384.62	P940,000.00

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