

RECOGNITION and PRAYERS for those AWAITING CONFIRMATION

[A pastoral form adaptable for online use during a period of delayed Confirmations in the time of restricted worship gatherings resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic]

Presenters address the Celebrant:

I present the following candidates who have completed their preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation: N.N., N.N., etc

Celebrant:

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

I now invite those who have completed their preparation for Confirmation to affirm Jesus's Law of Love. Candidates for Confirmation: Do you accept these commandments to love God and love your neighbor?

Candidates

I do.

Celebrant:

May Almighty God, our loving Creator, who has put this desire into your hearts, grant you the power of the Holy Spirit to persevere in this intention and continue to grow in faith and understanding.

People:

Amen

Celebrant:

Let us pray. Gracious God, we thank you for these your servants who have committed themselves to a course of preparation for Confirmation, and now await the opportunity for public re-affirmation of faith and renewal of God's gift of the Holy Spirit for strength and grace. In these days of physical separation, may they know your loving embrace. May we all be sustained by our companionship with one another, that with patience and hope we anticipate the restoration of your Creation to fullness of health. Fill us with your Spirit, that we might serve you with a quiet mind, and even now with courage carry out the work of your Church; through Jesus Christ your Lord.

[Adapted from "Admission of Catechumens," *BOS*, p. 155 ff.]