

## **PRESENTING THE CANDIDATES TO BISHOP JOHN**

Bishop John:

Some time ago these young people were called by name to begin a journey of formal preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation.

Throughout this time they have been prayerfully guided and encouraged by their church community, their families, mentors, sponsors, catechists, and one another.

They have taken this time of preparation seriously as they explored the importance of God's Word, the wisdom of the traditions of the Roman Catholic Church, the life examples of holy men and women, and the grace imparted through the sacraments, especially as experienced through the Rite of Confirmation.

They have reflected on the gifts and the fruits of the Holy Spirit already apparent in their lives and have begun to share these gifts in service throughout the community.

They have also expressed a sincere desire to be strengthened in these gifts in order to continue to be of even greater service to God's people.

I believe that they have clearly demonstrated both the understanding and spiritual readiness to confirm their faith and become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church.

Candidates please stand as I call your name. Bishop John, I confidently present to you (*insert names and candidates stand as their name is called*) for Confirmation. **OR** Candidates, please stand. Bishop John, I confidently present to you these candidates from (*insert parish name*) for Confirmation.