

GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE REGIONAL CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION

SEATING: Candidates and clergy from the same church should sit together.

GATHERING: Bishop Fisher will gather, at approximately 6:00 p.m., with those being confirmed and received on **Thursday night**. Service will begin at 7:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m., with those being confirmed and received on **Saturday morning**. Service will begin at 10:00 a.m.

REHEARSAL: After the Bishop has spoken with those being confirmed and received, there will be a brief rehearsal in the Nave (or other location within the church) for the participants in the liturgy, including the clergy.

PROCESSING: Immediately prior to the service, those being confirmed and received, as well as their clergy, are invited to gather in the Narthex. You may leave everything except your program in your seats. You will line up, the Bishop will lead in prayer, and you will process in together. The order of the procession we be:

Crucifer and torchbearer

Parish clergy

Participants and clergy will line up with their Parish, typically each parish in alphabetical order.

Bishop Fisher

As you come to where you will be sitting, you may leave the procession and find your seats.

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES: Candidates will be presented by their clergy in the following manner: After the Bishop says, "The candidates now will be presented," the clergy will walk to the microphone and present their candidates one at a time by name, and say whether or not they are being confirmed or received (or reaffirmed). As their name is called, each candidate will walk up inside the communion rail and stand in the area below the pulpit. The order is alphabetical by parish. The clergy will stay on the lectern side. When all have been presented, the Bishop will continue the liturgy.

After the baptismal covenant and prayers for the candidates, they will come forward to kneel before the Bishop one at a time, following the same order of the churches. As each candidate comes forward, they present the Bishop with a card that has their name and whether or not they are being confirmed or received. Their families and sponsors and clergy are invited to gather behind them and participate (as space allows). When each has finished, they return to their seats.

HOLY COMMUNION: After the announcements, presenting clergy are invited to gather with the Bishop and Dean at the altar and participate in the Eucharist prayer and distribution of the Holy Communion. When the communion has finished, the clergy are invited to return to their seats in the Nave. They will not recess.

Immediately after the dismissal, please gather around the altar for a photo – if photo is wanted.

RECEPTION: The hosting parish will be responsible for a light reception following the service.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DISCUSS ANY CHANGES TO THIS PROCEDURE WITH BISHOP FISHER THAT MORNING.