



Diocese of Galway, Kilmacduagh & Kilfenora

Guidance for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

IN GENERAL

- Each year the Confirmation liturgy booklet is updated – please make sure you are working from the updated booklet.
- The Confirmation Liturgy Booklet 2024 **is to be followed exactly as it is – nothing should be added to it or taken from it.**
- Only sacred music should be chosen to accompany the liturgy. There is a vast source of appropriate music in the *Grow in Love* series resources.
- Readers are required for:
 - 1) The first reading;
 - 2) The second reading;
 - 3) The Prayer of the Faithful;
 - 4) Post-Communion reflection, if one is chosen.
- If desired, symbols/art work may be used to decorate the church beforehand. If gifts/symbols are to be brought forward this should be done before the liturgy begins.
- Only the bread and wine should be brought forward at the offertory.
- Candidate, parents, family members and sponsor should sit as decided locally.

PHOTOGRAPHY and APPLAUSE

- Mobile phones, tablets, or cameras are not permitted during the ceremony.
- Group photographs should be kept to a minimum and preferably be taken outside the church.



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- There should be no applause until the ceremony ends.
- An announcement regarding photography and applause should be made before the ceremony begins.

Norms for Candidates switching Confirmation from other schools or parishes within the Diocese for exceptional reasons

- This practice should take place only in exceptional circumstances (e.g. death, grave illness, etc.), as judged and agreed by both parish priest (moderator) of the parish where the school/candidate resides and the parish priest (moderator) where the Confirmation ceremony they are now joining will take place.
- In case of Confirmation, the Diocesan Office should be informed that the above has been completed and the candidate will now be part of the parish Confirmation ceremony.

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