

This session's objectives:

- To teach about the structure of the Confirmation Mass by going through procedures for the Laying on of Hands and Anointing with Oil
- To introduce Bishop Daniel Turley (and his roles as a bishop) to the candidates
- To provide written evidence to the Pastor, Father Jason Malave, in the form of a letter, that each candidate is preparing seriously for Confirmation and will be ready for Bishop Turley to confirm them
- To mark the Advent season in prayer and look forward to the celebration of Christmas

This session's program:

1. **Name-tag pick-up; turn in early service forms or late Name essays** 0-5 min 6:45
 2. **Opening Prayer (Rachel/Keenan)** 5 min 6:50
responsory for Late Advent & lighting of wreath
- to be lit with paper flames: 3 candles
 3. **Icebreaker: Helping Hands (At Tables/In Groups)** 5 min 6:55
For what do we use our hands? At each table, write as many uses as you can in 2 (timed) minutes. Share top 3 uses with the large group.
 4. **"Who Am I?" / Bishop Intro (Rachel/Keenan)** 20 min 7:00
Power-Point slides on Bishop Turley ([see Notes pages for script!](#))
*- play game to **guess identities** of 2 celebrities and the Bishop*
*- view photo examples of **what a Bishop does**, in general & during Confirmation Mass*
- connect with uses for hands – helping, blessing, calling down the Holy Spirit
*- final slides explain the Presentation of Candidates by the Pastor & **introduce letter-writing***
 5. **Candidates Write Letters to the Pastor (at tables or individually)** 55-65 min 7:25
- use green handout for outline of content; write on the looseleaf lined paper or via devices
- spread out to empty tables/desks to concentrate on writing the letter
- catechists help candidates stay on task – use your time wisely!
Track B should aim to do at least the first 1-2 paragraphs at the first half of the session
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- letters to be collected at the end of (2nd half of) class! see Rachel/Keenan for exceptions*
- be sure to check over letters for spelling, grammar, fluency, legibility, etc. enjoy cookies
6. **Service Reminders & Closing Prayer (Rachel/Keenan)** 5 min 8:25
- give out more forms
*- **Prayer: Christmas reflection in 3 parts** - read aloud 2 paragraphs from box @ on p. 1340 in Bible*
- video "He Came" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u65m-LLfs> - Christmas prayer
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Homework:

- Next class for all: Monday, January 8, 6:45pm-8:30pm
 - if an exception is cleared for taking Pastor letter home to finish, then it must come back to class with you in January (by Mon. 1/8)
 - use break time to catch up on past assigned journaling you haven't done:
 - pages vi-xii, 17, 22-25, 32-34, 44-47, 64, 67
 - **bring back to next class** your folder, Bible, book & journal as usual
- Christmas break is a great time to do service! **Service hours due in mid-January!**
 - Pass out additional service forms! Each has 2 places to document hours Use Volunteers Sign Up link for decorating church on Mon. 12/19