

# Anointed

**Confirmation Preparation Session # 11.1**

Wednesday, December 17, 2025 in Religion  
OR Monday evening, December 15, 2025

# Responsory for Late Advent



Drop down dew,  
O heavens:  
**Let the clouds rain down  
the Just One.**  
Let the earth be opened:  
**that a Savior  
may bud forth.**

On that day the mountains will  
stream with sweetness:  
**And the hills will flow  
with milk and honey.**

Come, Lord Jesus!  
**Come soon!**

Timed brainstorming  
**How do we use our  
hands to help  
others?**

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# Who Am I???

**Introduce the “Who Am I?” Game** - Guess which well-known, living person is being talked about based on the facts presented

“I am 44 years old and I was born in Los Angeles” ... “I attended a Catholic H.S. in L.A. and then Northwestern University in Evanston.” ... “I used to be an actress who mostly worked in television.” ... “My charity work has taken me all over the world, addressing issues like gender equality, safe drinking water, and modern-day slavery.” ... “I met my husband Harry on a blind date.” .... “My children are named Archie and Lilibet.” ... “I married into the British Royal Family but I gave up my royal duties and moved to North America.”

→ **Meghan, Duchess of Sussex (Meghan Markle)**

“I am 32 years old and I was born in Chicago.” ... “I attended Jones College Prep High School.” ... “I am a hip-hop artist but some of my first performances were in a library.” ... “When funding was cut for the Chicago Public Schools, I said I would donate a million dollars to help out.” ... “My real name is Chancelor Jonathan Bennett, but you know me better by my stage name.”

→ **Chance the Rapper**

*Use interesting info from Bishop Turley’s bio, such as:*

“I grew up in Chicago.” ... → **next slide to continue guessing!**

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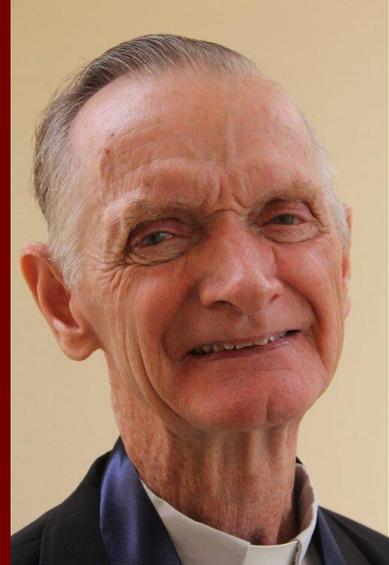
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"I became a priest of the Order of Saint Augustine.".... "I spent part of my time as a young man studying at a seminary in Michoacan in Mexico" .... "I spent 30 years as a missionary parish priest in Peru. I was always defending the life and rights of others, always at the service of the poorest and most helpless.".... *"I was the bishop of Chulucanas, Peru for 20 years before I retired home to Chicago."* ..... "I am the bishop who is coming to pray with you and be the minister of your Confirmation." → **next slide when guessed (or if out of facts)**

# Bishop Daniel Turley



Bishop Turley has been a bishop since 1996 – a long time!

Think about what a Pastor like Father Jason does for his parish. A bishop does that on a wider scale, for all the parishes of his diocese or his vicariate. He is the pastor to the pastors.

**(may skip this next part for time)**

A vicar is a Church word that means someone to care for something that is entrusted to him. The vicariate is a geographical area of a large diocese that is normally entrusted to an auxiliary (assistant) bishop.

Even the pope is a vicar. We call him the Vicar of Christ – Jesus has entrusted the whole Church to his care!

# Bishop Daniel Turley



Friend & mentor  
to the future  
**Pope Leo XIV**

I mentioned that Bishop Turley had a lot in common with the Pope. Among other things, they are members of and leaders within the same religious order, the Augustinians.

Bishop Turley graduated from the same high school as Pope Leo's two brothers, about 10 years before they attended. That same high school (now closed) is where Pope Leo did some teaching when he was still taking graduate classes at Catholic Theological Union in Hyde Park. They have known each other since the future Pope was 18.

Bishop Turley and Pope Leo (then Bishop Prevost) were both Augustinians from Chicago who were bishops of different dioceses in the same region of Peru around the same time. Because Bishop Turley is older and became a Bishop earlier, he served as a mentor to Bishop Prevost. Bishop Turley and Cardinal Prevost worked on some initiatives together for the Midwest Augustinians.

# Symbols of a Bishop



How can you tell someone is a bishop in the Catholic Church?

There are some items that a bishop wears or carries that are specific to his office and mark him as different from other priests.

If you have been to Confirmation Mass or been an altar server or attended a Mass where a Bishop was the celebrant, maybe you have gotten to see some of these items up close.



## **Mitre** (*bishop hat*)

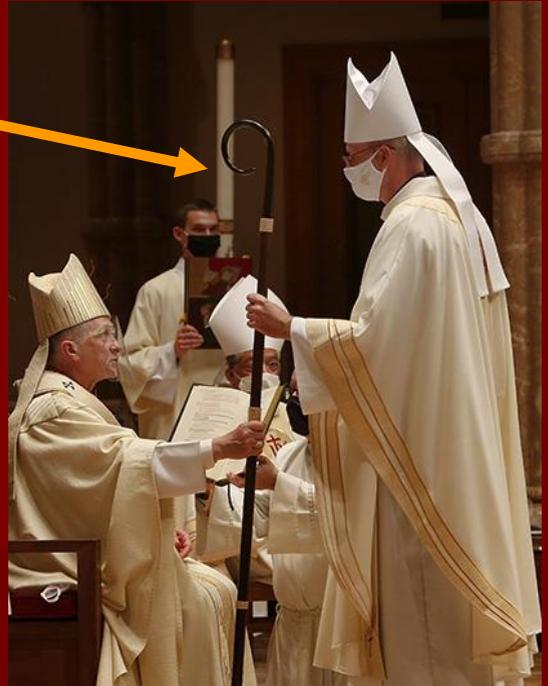
- Sign of a bishop's authority
- Pointed cap with 2 flaps on the back (lappets)
- Folds up when not being worn
- Developed from hats worn by Jewish priests and imperial officials in ancient times

*(read slide)*

*(encourage them to look for a pattern about when the bishop takes off and puts on his mitre during the Confirmation Mass. The bishop understands the pattern, even if we might not.)*

# Crozier (staff)

- Reminds us of the Good Shepherd (Jesus)
- Hooked at the top like a shepherd's staff (a "crook")
- Pointed at the bottom like a rod
- Symbol of prodding the lazy and leading back those who stray



*(read slide)*

*(compare the crozier to those vaudeville hooks you see in cartoons, where the hook yanks people off-stage or out of the way without hurting them – shepherds may actually use a crook to wrangle their sheep in a similar way. Who will/did play shepherds in the Christmas pageant, and do/did they have crooks to hold?)*

*(compare the ring to a married person's wedding ring. Don't assume all the candidates' parents are married and say "your parents' wedding rings" -- be sensitive of the fact of many parents may be divorced or never married at all. If anything, keep it open by using terms like "wedding rings worn by adults in your family who are married, like parents, grandparents, or aunts and uncles." )*

# Ring

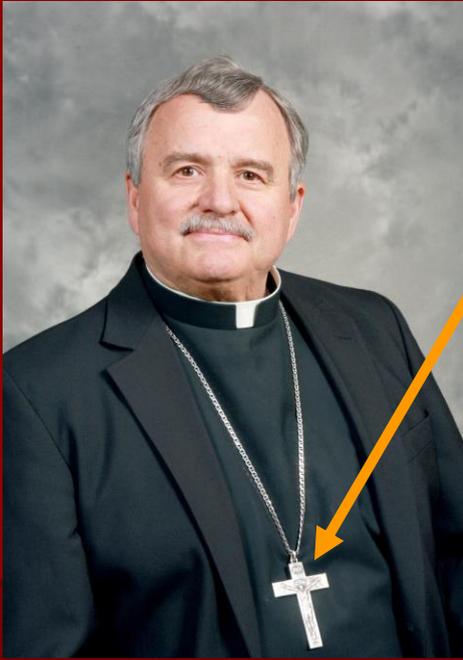
- Symbol of the bishop's commitment



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## Pectoral Cross

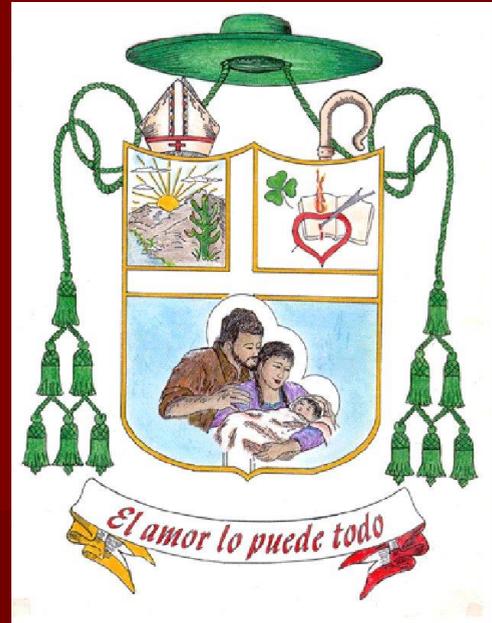
- Reminder of Christ's suffering
- Worn around the neck, hanging below the heart
- May hang over or be tucked under vestments at Mass
- Often tucked into a pocket when wearing a suit jacket

*(read slide, point out that the late Bishop Manz was Baptized, had his First Communion and was Confirmed in St. Matthias Church)*

*(ask if anyone is wearing a cross necklace or a religious medal – ask why, if to wear it close to their heart, a symbol of closeness to Jesus)*

# Coat of Arms

- Symbols chosen by the bishop to represent who he is
- **Tassels** – number & color show his rank
- **Shield** – where he comes from, what's important to him
- **Motto** – expression of his faith and mission in life



A bishop uses a coat of arms, like knights, kings and important families through history.

The flat green hat (galero, like the red Cardinals' hats at Holy Name Cathedral) and the 6 green tassels on the side mean he is an auxiliary bishop

On the shield are many symbols to show what's important to him and where he comes from.

- Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – devotion to the Holy Family
- heart – Augustinian Order
- shamrock – Irish heritage

The motto under the shield, "Love conquers all" or "El amor lo puede todo" written in Spanish, shows Bishop Turley's belief in love as the greatest power rooted in God's mercy.



**Laying on of Hands**

## **Anointing with Oil**



When a priest becomes a bishop, he is anointed with a special kind of blessed oil, called Chrism. It has a little scent in it, called balsam, which is a kind of Christmas tree.

Chrism is the same kind of oil used to anoint you after your Baptism. It will also be used in your Confirmation. This oil is both a shield against sin and a scent of holiness. Remember what we learned in the spirit symbols class in October. Putting lotion on your skin protects it from getting dry. Smelling good gives you confidence. Priests being made bishops have oil poured over them like they are being baptized with it, as you can see in this picture.

The priest who is becoming a bishop will also have hands laid on his head by the bishop who is consecrating him. This is like Jesus and the Apostles who laid hands on the sick to heal them.

# What are some of the things bishops do?



*example photos also showing other Bishops **Mark Bartosic** & **Alberto Rojas***



A bishop is more than the things he wears, the items he carries, or the symbols he chooses to represent himself. Bishop Turley does a lot of different things in his role as bishop, or at least he did more frequently before he retired.

What does a bishop do that makes him different from other people and other priests?

(Do bishops bish? 😊 )

***(gather ideas from the students)***



## Priest and Bishop

A bishop is also a priest. As a bishop, he continues to be a pastor to the Pastors and their parishes. He is like their shepherd, and they are like his sheep.

Bishop Turley also does many of the things that other priests do – he celebrates Mass, preaches Homilies, distributes Holy Communion, hears confessions, presides at funerals, gives awards, and prays with and for different groups.

# Speaking and Leading Prayer



The primary function of a bishop is to teach, so he spends a lot of time giving talks, leading others in prayer, and making public appearances.

# Greeting



A bishop is supposed to know his people the way a shepherd knows his flock of sheep. He speaks with people after Masses, goes to meetings at different parishes, and tries to get to know people and find out what they need. Here he greets parishioners at the end of a Mass, shortly after being named a bishop.

# Blessing and Praying



People often ask bishops and priests to pray for God's blessing on them, or to pray to God with them in difficult moments.

Smiling?



Singing?

Bishop Turley gets to be present for a lot of joyful occasions – ordinations of priests, festivals, anniversaries, awards ceremonies, Masses welcoming new Catholics, and many, many Confirmations.

# Confirming



A large part of any bishop's job is going to parishes to administer Confirmations! Only in special circumstances can an ordinary parish priest give Confirmation, so the bishops travel around to different parishes almost every weekend and some weeknights for different Confirmation Masses. We are very blessed to have Bishop Turley coming to our parish for our Confirmation.

You'll get a chance to meet with Bishop Turley at the Confirmation Mass.

# In the Confirmation Mass

- Preaches the **Homily** (standing or seated catechesis)
- Leads the **Renewal of Baptismal Promises**
- Calls down the Holy Spirit in the **Laying On of Hands**



*"...send upon them, O Lord,  
the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete..."*

**Paraclete:**

- advocate
- helper
- comforter

Bishops represent the wider Church that you are being Confirmed into.

Bishops have special responsibilities during the Confirmation Mass. Bishop Turley will celebrate the Mass, so he'll do ordinary things like preach the Homily and give out Communion. But he will also lead you, the candidates, in the Renewal of your Baptismal Promises. You are asked to respond "I do" at each of a series of questions about what we believe.

***(can be related to the "Helping Hands" icebreaker about ways hands are used to help others, and how hands are used at Mass)***

We use our hands often at Mass – to pray and make the sign of the cross, to bless ourselves with holy water, to give others the sign of peace, to put money in the collection basket and to receive Communion. The bishop uses his hands at the Confirmation Mass in two particular ways. One is the Laying On of Hands. In this prayer, he asks God to send the Holy Spirit upon you and requests that you be strengthened with the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit – Wisdom, Knowledge, Counsel, Understanding, Fortitude, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. For a large group, Bishop Turley will probably stretch his hands over the whole group, but he also has the option to go to each candidate individually and lay hands on your heads. ***(demonstrate)***

# In the Confirmation Mass

- Meets each **Candidate & Sponsor(s)**



<https://sjcatholic.org/news/congratulations-confirmation>

The other special way the bishop uses his hands is to anoint each of you with oil. This is always done individually for each candidate: there's no hose of oil for anointing a big group. When it is your turn, you and your Sponsor will approach the bishop in front of the altar. Stand close in front of him like you are going to receive Communion from him. Bishop Turley has the option to speak with you for a moment before anointing you. He might ask you about one of the Gifts of the Spirit, or he might ask you about why you have chosen your Confirmation Name or your Sponsor, what kind of service you have done, etc. Don't be afraid, and do respond to the bishop! Answer as best you can. Your Sponsor is with you to help. The bishop isn't trying to trip you up or see who should be kicked out of church. He's just trying to get to know you a little before sharing this sacred moment with you.

# In the Confirmation Mass

- Anoints with **holy oil** (Sacred Chrism)



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When the little chat is done, he will put oil on his thumb and anoint you on your forehead. It might be a neat little cross on your skin or he might rub it into your hairline. Every bishop's style is a little different, so be prepared. The oil will soak in pretty quickly, so resist the urge to wipe it off like a sweaty brow.

(If you get a little extra oil, just rub it into your skin, DO NOT wipe it off or blot it. Your sleeve or Kleenex is not getting Confirmed, you are!)

# In the Confirmation Mass

*continued*

- **Dialogue** at the time of **anointing with oil**

*Bishop:* **[Confirmation Name]**, be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

*Candidate:* **Amen.**

*Bishop:* Peace be with you.

*Candidate:* **And with your spirit.**



- **Leads out** those Confirmed

***(approach one candidate whose Confirmation name you know)***

While he is anointing you, the bishop will say, “{example name}, be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.” You should say, “Amen”

Then Bishop Turley will say “Peace be with you.” Be sure you say, “And with your spirit.” Let’s practice this.

***(practice with group)***

Because the bishop is like a shepherd and you newly Confirmed are like his sheep, you will line up and follow him out at the end of Mass. He will lead you to the reception where you will have a chance to take some pictures with him.

# Wait!

How does the bishop know that **YOU** are ready to be Confirmed?



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One of the Church's requirements for you to be Confirmed is that you personally desire it – that you understand what Confirmation is and you want to accept the responsibilities and privileges that come with being a Confirmed Catholic. That you have chosen to prepare to be Confirmed – even if it took a little effort and encouragement from people who care about you to get you to consider it.

# Presentation of Candidates

- Before the Homily at the Confirmation Mass
- List of names read out by Father Jason Malave, our Pastor



***(read slide)***

Bishop Tueley is counting on your Pastor, Father Jason, to know you and to be honest with him about your preparation. When he stands up and reads your name as a candidate for Confirmation, he must know who he is talking about and that each person is open and ready to receive God's grace in this sacrament.

# Help Father Jason

- **Interview with staff** in January, February, or March
- Mainly, the **Letter** you will write to him now!



Father Jason or another member of parish staff will probably see each of you for a short, one-on-one interview sometime after Christmas. Track A will mostly have interviews during class on Monday evenings. Track B interviews will be scheduled during the day.

We have 85 students getting ready for Confirmation. Father Jason can only spend a few minutes with each of you individually or paired in your interviews.

So help Father Jason get to know you through your letter, which we will write in class. Make it easier for Father Jason to read by using your best writing skills like spelling and proofreading.

# Writing Your Letter to Father Jason



This is a serious letter about a serious commitment. This letter is your opportunity to show Father Jason that you DO want to be Confirmed and that he should tell Bishop Turley that. If you have some doubts, you can express them respectfully to Father Jason in your letter. You can ask him to pray for you as you make your final decision.

# Confirmation

## confirm



The (green) handouts have an outline of what you should include, as well as a list of some useful vocabulary in case you need to know how to spell a word.

Speaking of which, there is one word it is very, very important for you to spell correctly: CONFIRM. No one is coming to “conform” you to a particular way of being, or to “confer(m)” with you about something – you want the bishop to “confirm” your faith – to ask the Holy Spirit to share Gifts with you to make you stronger with your faith. And yes, all of these misspellings have been seen in real letters over the past few years.

# Anointed

**Confirmation Preparation Session # 11.2**

Thursday, December 18, 2025 in Religion  
OR Monday evening, December 15, 2025

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**Catch up on journaling (if behind)**  
pages vi-xii, 22-25, 32-34,  
44-47, 52-56, 64 *assigned so far*

**complete Letter if taking home**  
*due week of January 5*

**Christian Service *due week of February 2***

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# **INTERVIEW** **with a parish** **leader in January**

*We want to get to know you and find out about your preparation for Confirmation!*

You may be asked about your  
**Family, Interests, Hobbies/Sports**  
**Opinion of Confirmation Class**  
**Confirmation Name, Sponsor(s),**  
**Christian Service, etc.**



# **INTERVIEW RULES**

get to know a leader you don't know well already

Track A Religious Ed chooses



Track B St. Matthias chooses



Track B Queen of Angels chooses



In the name of **the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

As we prepare to give and receive gifts this Christmas,  
let us take a moment now to give thanks for our greatest gift  
which came to us from God in a most unexpected package.

**OPTION:** *Catholic Youth Bible*, page 1340  
"Who Is My Neighbor?" box at the top of the page

**- VIDEO ON NEXT SLIDE -**



*Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for a shining star and the angels' song, for an infant's cry in a lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child, and we thank you for the Son you sent to us to be our Savior and King. We behold His glory, and we are bathed in His radiant light. Be with us through the contradictions of Christmas – the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world apart. We kneel before you as humble shepherds, reluctant innkeepers, world-weary Magi. Help us to rise bigger than we are, with more hope and faith to help heal our world.*      **In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**