

**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/Joe/Paul) 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/group, 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/Joe/Paul) 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) 55-60 min 7:20
  - 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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*Track A to continue Advent confessions opportunity at 7:30 when Father Jason available*

- **letters to be collected at the end of (2<sup>nd</sup> half of) class!** see Rachel/Paul/Joe for exceptions
- be sure to check over letters for spelling, grammar, fluency, legibility, etc. **enjoy cookies**

6. **Service Reminders & Closing Prayer** (Rachel/Paul/Joe) 10 min 8:20
  - give out more forms, emphasize community orgs that need help & leaf/snow opportunities
  - **Prayer Ritual: Christmas reflection in 2-3 parts**
    - option to read aloud 2 paragraphs from box @ on p. 1340 in Bible
    - video reflection "He Came" (embedded in slides) - Christmas prayer

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**Homework:**

- Next class: **Track A** Mon 1/5 (CPS off until Tues.), **Track B** Wed 1/7 & Thurs 1/8
  - o if an exception is cleared for taking Pastor letter home to finish, then it must come back to class with you when we return in Jan., for class the week of 1/5
  - o use break time to catch up on past assigned journaling you haven't done:
    - pages vi-xii, 2-4, 22-25, 32-34, 44-47, 52-56, 64
  - o **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 early February!**
  - o Pass out additional service forms! Each has 2 places to document hours