



April 26, 2016

Dear Friends of the Classical Roman Liturgy,

I have been in discussion with Bishop Choby about celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at Church of the Assumption in the Extraordinary Form.

There needs to be a sufficient number of candidates to make the offering of the necessary program feasible. Candidates, if school students, should be in the eighth grade or older, as required by the Bishop's Regulations. There may also be adults that have not been Confirmed; they are encouraged to become candidates and enroll in the classes. Of course, anyone Confirmed by use of the Ordinary Form, is validly Confirmed. Any notion that Confirmation should be repeated in the Extraordinary Form would not only be unnecessary, but would constitute a sacrilege.

If numbers justify, Bishop Choby will preside at a Mass of which I will be the celebrant. After his homily, the candidates will be called forth to renew their Profession of Faith. Then the Bishop will administer Confirmation in the Extraordinary Form. The Classical High Mass will continue with the Offertory.

If you, your child/children, would like to receive Confirmation in the Extraordinary Form, I need to know so that I can convey to the Bishop how much interest there is. Classes will be required for all candidates; information will be forthcoming when we know more. Each candidate will need to have a sponsor who has to be a practicing Catholic, aged 16 or older, and who should himself/herself be Confirmed. So if you are interested please:

Please phone the parish office at: 615-256-2729. Alternatively you may choose to e-mail me at fr.william@assumptionchurchnashville.org and please copy Jerilyn Rost (office manager) at jrost@assumptionchurchnashville.org

In your message please include the name of each candidate, his/her age, grade if enrolled in school (homeschool or traditional school), and your contact information.

Bishop Choby is willing to offer our community Confirmation in the Extraordinary Form. If anyone you know might be interested in this opportunity, please encourage them to respond without delay.

Yours in Our Lord,

Rt. Rev. William M. Fitzgerald, O.Praem