

## Preface

These procedures are presented to the Anglican membership in the Diocese of Western Newfoundland to offer direction to those Anglicans who wish to express their faith through the sacraments. They were developed as a means to reflect a spirit that the church is a welcoming and inviting community for all those who choose to become a part of that distinctive membership. While the church proclaims the Gospel through its preaching and demonstrates its pastoral concern for the healing of its members, it simultaneously must be accountable and responsible for teaching its members thereby giving some sense of equality. To this end, these procedures attempt to give balance and reasonableness to individual preferences in the context of a collective yet diverse group. It is our sincere hope that they will give guidance, continuity and identity to Anglicans as they manifest their beliefs through the Holy Sacraments.

**Note:** "*Home parish*" is where one lives. "*Host Parish*" is where the event is to take place.

1. Each two years the parish shall extend an invitation to Confirmation.
  2. Candidates, of their own accord, must be willing to make a public affirmation of faith.
  3. Candidates are expected to show sincere intention of fulfilling their baptismal covenant.
  4. Youth and adult candidates shall avail of the Diocesan Confirmation Preparation Program or an alternate Program having episcopal approval.
  5. Candidates should be supported, at the time of confirmation, by parents, baptismal sponsors, spiritual directors, and the church family.
  6. The order of service for the confirmation shall be at the discretion of the Bishop.
  7. Sunday School, Bible Study, and Christian education programs such as The Whole People of God, Alpha, Bethel etc.. are helpful in making a mature affirmation of faith.
- note: Confirmation is not a requirement for receiving Holy Communion;

clergy may avail of "Life in the Eucharist" or some such program for preparation for early communion.

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8. Candidates in preparation for Confirmation must attend all classes as scheduled, absent for legitimate reasons only as sickness, will be counted.

9. Candidates must be in regular attendance at worship, and participate in some aspect of worship as Server, Junior Choir, sidesperson, reader....etc..