



The Latin Mass Society

For the Promotion of the Traditional Roman Rite

CONFIRMATIONS IN THE TRADITIONAL RITE

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Confirmations will be conferred this year by Bishop Alan Hopes, auxiliary bishop in Westminster, at

St James's Church, Spanish Place, George Street, London W1U 3QY

on Saturday 12 November 2011 at 11.30 am

followed by Pontifical Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Note: the ceremony may be preceded at 11.00am by a catechetical meeting between the bishop and the candidates.

The social centre beneath the church will be open before and after the ceremony for use by the candidates, their sponsors and their families. A celebration buffet lunch will be provided after the ceremony for the candidates, their sponsors and their families. It is customary for the bishop to join us for this and to cut a cake baked in honour of the event.

Registration

To be confirmed you need to ensure you fulfil the appropriate requirements of the Code of Canon Law. Please refer to the details of this below before continuing; then complete and return the appropriate registration form(s).

Parents

Please complete the enclosed registration form(s) for your child(ren), using a separate form for each child.

Instruction

We need a short letter from a priest, not necessarily your parish priest, confirming that the candidate has been suitably instructed either by a priest or by an authorised person.

This will be the eighth consecutive year that the Latin Mass Society has organised Confirmations in the Traditional Rite. The expense of organising the Confirmations is considerable and to help us defray the costs, we ask for a suggested donation of £30 per candidate. I would however stress that this is optional and no one should feel excluded. The LMS receives no official funding at all, and we are entirely reliant on the generous donations of our members and supporters in organising these Confirmations. If you are able to, please send a donation with the registration form. Thank you very much.

To fulfil the requirements of the Code of Canon Law

- The candidate should not normally be younger than 10 years old.
- Each candidate must have a sponsor who is a Catholic and at least 16 years old. By custom the sponsor should be of the same sex as the candidate and not normally a parent.
- We need a photocopy of the candidate's baptismal certificate, **together with the full name, address and telephone number** of the church where he/she was baptised.
- We need a short letter from a priest, not necessarily your parish priest, confirming that the candidate has been suitably instructed either by the priest or an authorised person.
- We need the name the candidate wishes to receive in Confirmation, which must be a saint's name. **In the case of unusual Saints' names, please tell us the source where you found the name.**

To obtain further clarification on any point, please telephone the LMS office on 020-7404 7284 or Email: info@lms.org.uk

Please return your completed form ASAP, no later than Thursday 20 October 2011, to:

The Latin Mass Society, 11-13 Macklin Street, LONDON, WC2B 5NH