

Père Eveque, we, the English-speaking Catholic community of Luxembourg are very grateful to you for coming here today to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with us. The twenty-four candidates have been preparing for this joyful day by studying, reflecting and praying, meeting together each week. It is an important day for them, and it is important for our whole parish as we see them being confirmed.

Today is Trinity Sunday, a most suitable day for Confirmation — the Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father and the Son, is called down in a special way; the Spirit is represented here in church today by the hundreds of doves made by people of the parish, and by fire.

Our English-language Masses here each week are truly international, bringing together people from over 40 different nationalities, and we are always looking to be even more open and welcoming to all, so playing our particular part in the wider Church in Luxembourg. We appreciate your pastoral care, your Christian witness and your tireless work for the Church and for God's Kingdom. On behalf of our parish council, and the whole of our community, I am delighted to offer you our warmest welcome.