THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

24. Then the Bishop (while the Priests associated with him remain by his side) standing, facing the people, with hands joined, says:

Dear-ly beloved, let us pray to God the almighty Father, for these, his adopted sons and daughters, already born again to eternal life in Bap-tism, that he will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon them to confirm them with his abundant gifts, and through his anointing conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God.

And all pray in silence for a while.
Then the Bishop lays hands over all those to be confirmed (as do the Priests who are associated with him). But the Bishop alone says:

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who brought these your servants to new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, freeing them from sin: send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete; give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety; fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

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