

# **CONFIRMATION**

Completion of the Sacraments of  
Initiation

## **Scriptural Basis (Hebrew Scriptures)**

- ▣ Isaiah 61: 1-2: "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

## **Scriptural Basis (Christian Scriptures)**

- ▣ Luke 4:14-21: Jesus goes to the synagogue and reads the passage just quoted from Isaiah, telling the people who understand that he has been sent from God – this is the beginning of his own ministry
- ▣ Matthew 3:16 “After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove coming upon him.”

- ▣ Luke 3:16: “John answered them all, saying, “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire.”
- ▣ John 14:16-17 “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, he Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you.”
- ▣ Acts 2:1-13 - Pentecost story

## The Holy Spirit

- ▣ Confirmation \_\_\_\_\_ the graces received at Baptism.
  - Builds on \_\_\_\_\_
  - Brings you \_\_\_\_\_ into the body of Christ.
- ▣ What are the gifts of the HOLY SPIRIT?
- ▣ Effects of the Sacrament:
  - Bond with Church strengthened
  - Person enriched with outpouring of the Holy Spirit

## What do effects accomplish?

- ▣ 1. Unite us more firmly in Christ.
  - More clearly identify themselves with Jesus Christ
  - Reflect more deeply on living Jesus' values (and live it)
  - Serve others in need
- ▣ 2. We are drawn more deeply into participation in the Church.
  - Active in ministries in church
  - Not afraid to be known as Christian

## What do effects accomplish?

- ▣ 3. We are strengthened to spread the Faith.
  - Proud to be Catholic – let others know about their faith
- ▣ 4. Increased Gifts of the Holy Spirit.
  - Wisdom, understanding, right judgment ,courage, knowledge, reverence, and wonder and awe.
  - Live holy, happy, healthy lives
  - Make good moral choices

## TERMS

- ▣ \_\_\_\_\_: candidate to receive sacrament
- ▣ \_\_\_\_\_: Confirmation , like Baptism, can only be received once. You cannot be more fully initiated into the Church after you have received Confirmation.
- ▣ \_\_\_\_\_: oil used to confer the sacrament.
  - Made of olive oil (symbol of \_\_\_\_\_), balsam (for \_\_\_\_\_, symbol of the fragrance of Christ in one's life.) Consecrated by the bishop of the diocese during a special " \_\_\_\_\_" during Holy Week.

**On the part of the person  
wishing to be confirmed, you  
must:**

- ▣ Be of the age of reason (7 years old)
- ▣ Be baptized
- ▣ Freely profess the Catholic faith
- ▣ Be in a state of grace (following the laws of Christ and the Church, not guilty of serious, unconfessed sins)
- ▣ Wish to be confirmed
- ▣ Be willing to be a witness for Christ  
(then, go through preparation required by parish or diocese)

**Confirmation Rite (about)**

Must be administered by a \_\_\_\_\_ (unless the \_\_\_\_\_ has delegated that responsibility due to special circumstances)

- ▣ Generally part of a Mass.

## Confirmation Rite

- ▣ Confirmands \_\_\_\_\_
- ▣ Bishops \_\_\_\_\_ and prays that the confirmands will receive \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▣ Confirmands come forward, are \_\_\_\_\_ while their sponsor stands behind them, hand on shoulder.
- ▣ The bishop says “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”, laying \_\_\_\_\_ on and anointing each confirmand.

## Essential Symbols, Actions, Words

- ▣ Symbol: Chrism
- ▣ Action: Laying on of hands/ anointing
- ▣ Words: “Be sealed with the Holy Spirit.”

The ESSENTIALS OF BAPTISM: (review)

- ▣ Symbol: water
- ▣ Action: pouring water on the person to be baptized
- ▣ Words: “I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

## What is shown by the minister?

- ▣ Roman Catholic Church: \_\_\_\_\_ confirms, which more clearly expresses the \_\_\_\_\_ of the fully initiated \_\_\_\_\_ with the bishop, and through the bishop, with the \_\_\_\_\_
- ▣ Eastern Catholic Churches: \_\_\_\_\_ confirms, which more clearly shows the more traditional \_\_\_\_\_ between Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist, and emphasizes that the \_\_\_\_\_ is given in all three