

We Celebrate Confirmation

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WE GATHER

- ✝ Close your eyes. Be very still.
Breathe in. Breathe out.
Try to feel God's love around you.

Join hands and form a prayer circle.
Pray the following words:

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your
faithful people
and kindle in us
the fire of your love.

- ☀ Use your own words to tell what happened on the first Pentecost.


WE BELIEVE

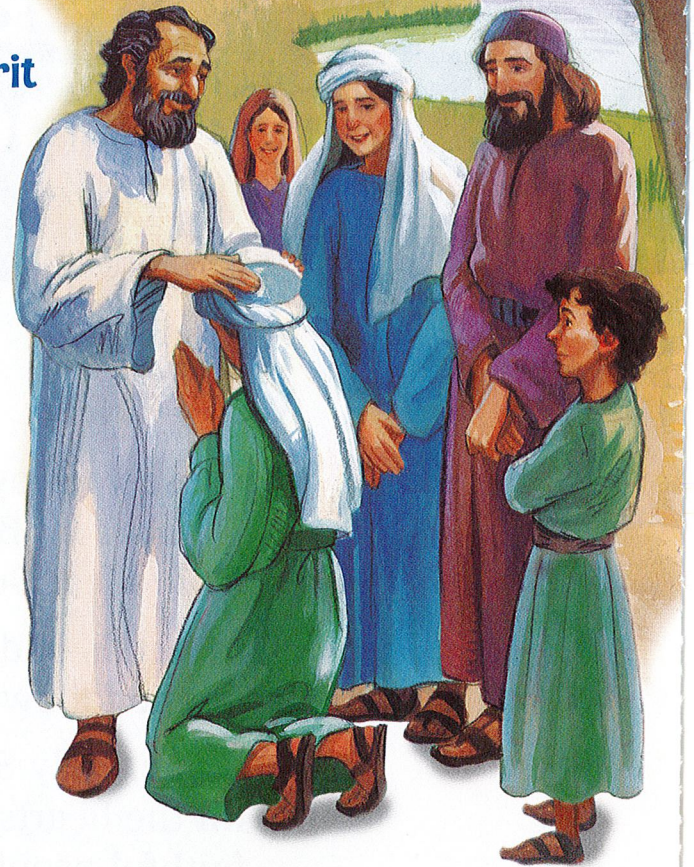
We celebrate the Gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to the Apostles and other disciples to be their helper. The Holy Spirit helped the disciples to remember everything Jesus had said and done.

The Holy Spirit filled the disciples with courage and faith. They began to tell everyone about Jesus. The disciples told everyone Jesus died for us and rose to new life.

The Apostles baptized many people. They laid their hands on people so that they too might receive the Holy Spirit. They wanted them to be strong in faith and to care for one another's needs.

 Talk about ways the Holy Spirit helped Jesus' first disciples.



The Holy Spirit is God, the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity. The Holy Spirit was sent by the Father and Jesus to help and guide the Church. The Holy Spirit is still with us today. We celebrate the Gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The Church often uses a picture of fire or a flame to remind us of the Holy Spirit. Like fire, the Holy Spirit gives us light, warmth, and energy.




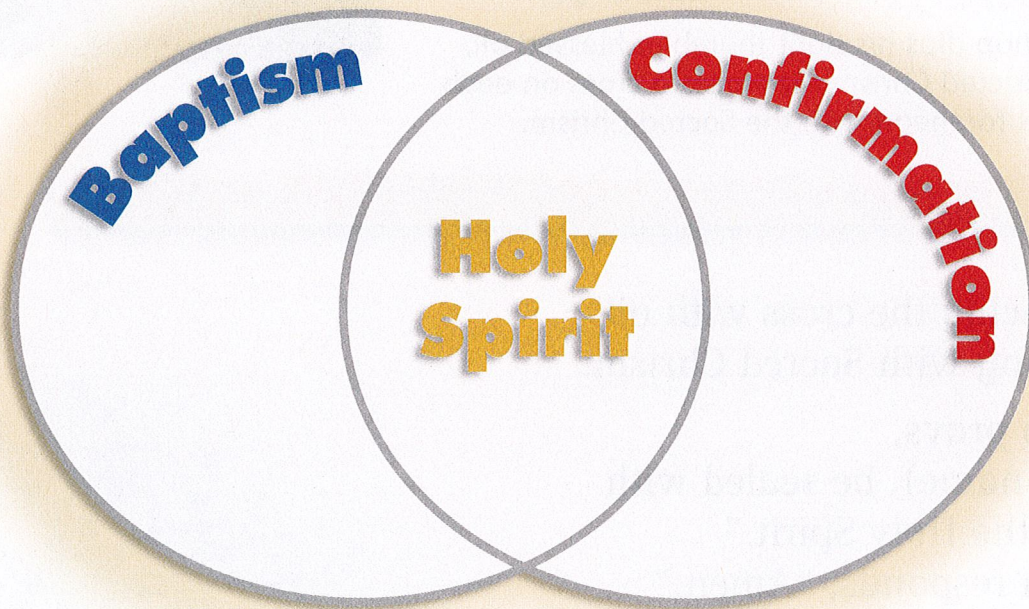
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The Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation are like partners. Baptism makes us children of God and members of the Church. Each of us received the Holy Spirit when we were baptized. **Confirmation** is the sacrament that seals us with the Gift of the Holy Spirit and strengthens us. In Confirmation our souls are imprinted with a character, a permanent spiritual seal. Thus we only receive this sacrament once.

Key Word

Confirmation the sacrament that seals us with the Gift of the Holy Spirit and strengthens us

 Use a red crayon to trace over the circles. Talk about what the drawing shows.



Most often a bishop comes to the parish to confirm people. Sometimes the bishop appoints a priest to do the confirming.

We celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with special words and actions.

At Confirmation we are anointed with oil called Sacred Chrism. This shows that we are set apart to do God's work. It shows that the Holy Spirit is with us. A person called a sponsor helps us as we get ready for Confirmation.



Celebrating Confirmation

Read Along

The bishop talks with the people about their faith. He calls them to serve others. Then the bishop and priests who are present stretch out their hands over those receiving the sacrament. The bishop prays that the Holy Spirit will strengthen these people with special gifts.

The bishop dips his right thumb in blessed oil, called Sacred Chrism. He traces a cross on each person's forehead with the Sacred Chrism.


We call tracing the cross with oil the anointing with Sacred Chrism.

The bishop prays,
“(Person's name), be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.”

The person responds, “Amen.”

Then the bishop says,
“Peace be with you.”

Those who were confirmed say,
“And also with you.”

 Name one way the Holy Spirit helps you.



The Holy Spirit helps baptized Catholics and confirmed Catholics.

The Holy Spirit helps Catholics who have been baptized and Catholics who have been confirmed to do the following things.

- Love God and others as Jesus taught.
- Worship God and celebrate the sacraments.
- Treat others with respect.
- Care for those who are poor, hungry, or sick.
- Be fair.
- Be peacemakers.
- Be happy with all that God has given them.
- Live out their faith.
- Stand up for what they believe.




As Catholics...

The week before Easter is called Holy Week. Each year during Holy Week, the bishop blesses three oils of the Church. The oils are given to all the parishes that make up the diocese. One blessed oil is called *Sacred Chrism*. It is used for anointing in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders.

When were you anointed with Sacred Chrism?

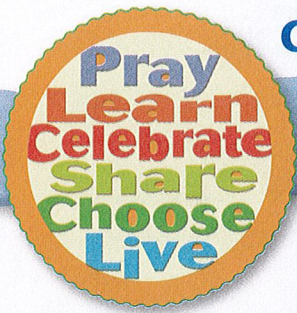
WE RESPOND

 Check the actions on the list that are easy for you to do. Underline the difficult ones. Then decide to do one today.

Ask the Holy Spirit for help by singing this song.

 **Make Us Strong**
(“My Darling Clementine”)

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,
Holy Spirit, make us strong,
So that we can follow Jesus
And bring God’s love to everyone.



PROJECT

Show What *you* Know

Use the word bank to finish this important message.

The _____

_____ shows that the

Holy Spirit is with us at _____.

Now, pass it on!

Confirmation
anointing with
Sacred Chrism

What's *the* Word?

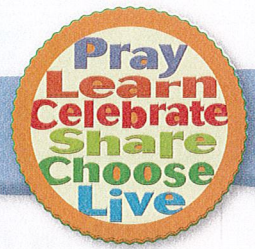
*At Pentecost, the disciples were
"all filled with the holy Spirit"*

(Acts of the Apostles 2:4).

Remember the ways the Holy Spirit helped the disciples. Think about the ways the Holy Spirit helps us today, too.



DISCIPLE



Make *it* Happen

Design a poster to teach others about Confirmation. Plan it here.

What words will be on your poster?

What pictures will be on your poster?

When your poster is complete, display it in your classroom or home to share it with others.


Reality Check

Check the things the Holy Spirit helps baptized and confirmed Catholics to do.

- Be selfish
- Play fairly
- Love God and others
- Respect others
- Tell lies
- Teach others about Jesus

Take Home

The Church teaches that we should appreciate the work every person does. Talk about the kind of work the members of your family do.

 **DISCIPLE CHALLENGE** Talk about the ways each family member's work can spread the message of God's love.

CHAPTER TEST

Fill in the circle beside the correct answer.

1. The Sacrament of Confirmation seals us with the Gift of _____.
 fire the Holy Spirit
2. At Confirmation the bishop or priest traces a _____ with Sacred Chrism on a person's forehead.
 cross flame
3. The Church uses _____ to remind us of the Holy Spirit.
 a cross fire
4. At Confirmation the _____ shows that we are set apart to do God's work.
 anointing with Sacred Chrism clapping of hands

Check the sentences that tell what the bishop does at Confirmation.

5. ____ He pours water on a person's forehead.
6. ____ He talks with the people about their faith.
7. ____ He traces a cross on a person's forehead with Sacred Chrism.
8. ____ He prays special prayers.

9–10. Write two ways the Holy Spirit helps confirmed Catholics.
