

Confirmation

CONFERS THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT to incorporate the baptized more firmly into Christ, strengthening their bond with the Church, and imparts grace to bear witness to the Christian faith.



SIGNS:

Chrism = perfumed oil blessed by the Bishop, symbolizes the Holy Spirit



Laying on of hands = laying on of hands by the bishop confers the Holy Spirit



IN THE CATECHISM:

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NOTE: This resource discusses Confirmation according to the Western Churches or Latin Rite. **Confirmation** is known as **Chrismation** in the Eastern Churches.

KEY WORDS AND ACTIONS:

“Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Anointing of the forehead; laying on of hands.

FIND IT IN THE BIBLE:

“Peter and John ... prayed for them, that they might receive the holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the holy Spirit.” – ACTS 8:14-17

Also: Acts 2: 1-4, 19:2,4-6; Eph 1:13-14; Heb 6:2.

THE GRACES GIVEN:

- * Perfects the graces of Baptism, rooting a person more deeply as a child of God.
- * Increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
 - * Renders a more perfect bond with the Church.
- * Enables the recipient to be a witness of the faith — to spread and defend the teachings of Christ and the Church.

MINISTER OF THE SACRAMENT:

Bishop, or in some cases, his appointed priestly designate.

CONFIRMATION IS ONLY GIVEN ONCE.