

Confirmation Chapter 1

The Holy Trinity — Father, Son and Holy Spirit

God the Father sent His Son to
show us the Way.

Jesus promised He would be with us
always

We receive the Holy Spirit
at Baptism

Through the Holy Spirit in
us :

- We share God's Life
- We are able to live as God's children
- We have the strength or power to love God and other people

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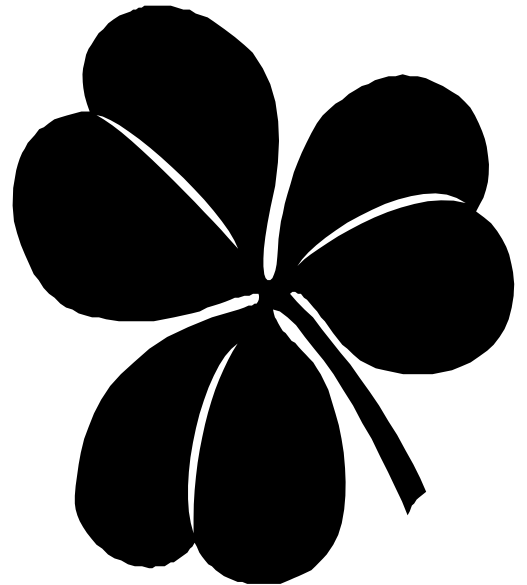
1) The Holy Trinity

The Holy Trinity: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Jesus wants us to know God as He is, that we might love Him more in return for His love for us.

Jesus made the third divine Person the Holy Spirit known to us. The Father and He, as the Risen Lord, sent the Holy Spirit to the Church.

The Holy Spirit is God, the Third Person of the Holy Trinity. He is really God, the same as the Father and the Son are really God. He is the love of the Father and the Son.



God is a spirit. He is invisible. We cannot see Him. God knows how difficult it is for us to get to KNOW some one we can't see — so, to help us get to know Him better
HE SENT HIS SON.

Jesus has a body like ours.
People saw and touched Him. He is a kind of picture or image of God — He makes God visible.



God's people find it difficult to live in the way God wants them to. They needed someone to show them the way — someone they could copy — an example they could follow — someone on whom they could model their lives. God knew of our need to have a model or a leader.
HE SENT HIS SON.

God wants us to grow stronger and stronger in our likeness to Jesus. This growing began when we were

BAPTISED.

At Baptism we received the Light of Christ. We become part of God's family. We are baptised in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



I am with you ALWAYS

Every day and all through our lives we meet people and we say GOODBYE to them. There are some people we would like to spend more time with but there is no way that we can stay constantly with them — the time for parting will always come.



Just before He returned to His Father, Jesus told His apostles to spread the Good News that He had given them. He said to them; KNOW THAT I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS.



And then after saying He would never leave them
HE DISAPPEARED FROM THEIR SIGHT!!

He promised to stay and then He went — or so it seemed.
But Jesus was not letting them down. He did stay with them and He does stay with us THROUGH HIS HOLY SPIRIT.

We sometimes say when we leave our friends 'I'll be with you in spirit'. We mean our thoughts and wishes will be with them while we are parted from them.

When Jesus said that He would be with His friends for ever, He did not mean just in thought or wish. He was with them in a more real way than you are with me now or I am with you.

The Holy Spirit is a real living Person who is God, who is invisible but who is THE GREATEST POWER IN HEAVEN OR ON EARTH.

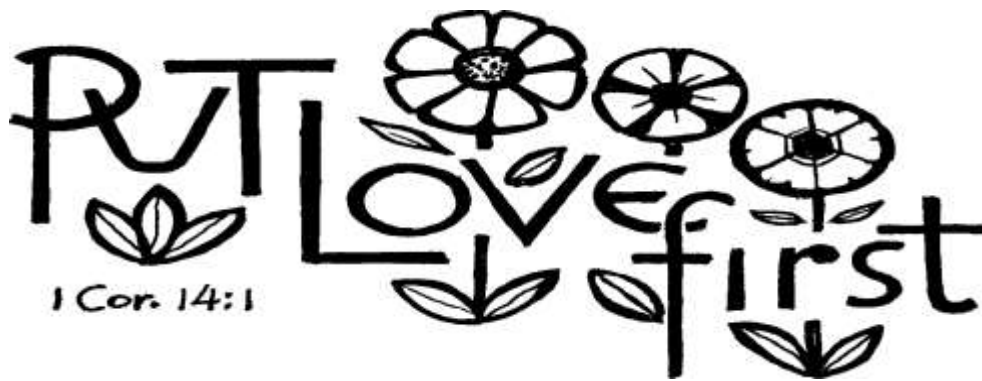


Jesus lived and worked in Palestine,
many, many years ago, for a few years only,
nearly 2,000 years ago and yet His
work goes on in every part of the world and it has gone on
throughout these 2,000 years. It is not
being done just BY other people; it is being
done BY
Jesus Himself through His Holy Spirit,
in His followers.



Through the Holy Spirit in us

- We share the life of God Himself
- We are able to live as God's children
- We have the strength or power to love God and other people.



The Spirit is God, just as the Father is God and Jesus is God. The Three Persons of the Trinity share the one work of God — creating us, renewing our life and transforming it so that we may for ever share their happiness.

Through the Holy Spirit the work of Jesus goes on EVERYWHERE and FOREVER.

Confirmation Chapter 2

Signs and Symbols

Signs and symbols of
belonging

Meaning of signs and
symbols

Signs and symbols of the Holy Spirit — Fire/Wind

2) Signs and Symbols

You live your life with other members of your family and you make friends.

You may be invited or you may ask to join different groups.

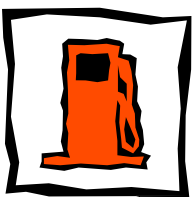
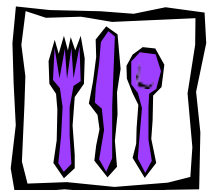
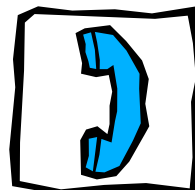
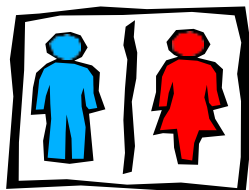
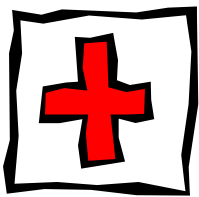
There are signs and symbols of belonging. Do you belong to a group?

When does it meet?

How often does it meet?

What do you do at the group?

What do these signs or symbols stand for?



FIRE

WIND

We cannot see God while we are still on earth so we use symbols to help us understand Him and His ways. The symbols of **FIRE** and **WIND** help us to realise the power of the Holy Spirit.

WIND IS STRONG

REFRESHING

INVIGORATING

CLEANSING

MYSTERIOUS



FIRE IS WARMING

CHEERING

COMFORTING

POWERFUL

DESTRUCTIVE

THE WIND

The wind is s - - - - -

The wind is m - - - - -

The wind is r - - - - -



FIRE

Fire is p - - - - -

Fire gives w - - - - - and c - - - - -

Fire draws p - - - - - t - - - - -

Fire d - - - - -

Fire gives l - - - -



The Holy Spirit is compared to the Wind

THE WIND

The wind is strong - moves windmills, raging seas etc

The wind is mysterious - nobody knows where it starts and where it stops.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is strong - He can move us to do good deeds.

When the Holy Spirit is present we cannot tell where He comes from or where He is going.

Signs of His presence are recognisable - Love, joy, peace etc - the fruits of the Spirit. When people see us showing love, peace etc they know we are filled with the Holy Spirit.



The Holy Spirit is compared to Fire

FIRE

Fire is powerful.

Fire gives warmth and comfort.

Fire destroys.

Fire draws people together for warmth and comfort.

Fire gives light.

THE HOLY SPIRIT



The Holy Spirit can have a powerful effect if we let Him work in us.

The Holy Spirit enkindles our hearts with warmth, so that we radiate warmth like fire.

The Holy Spirit destroys what is bad in us : jealousy, lying, bad temper etc.

The Holy Spirit draws people together when they are divided.

The Holy Spirit enlightens and guides people.

Confirmation Chapter 3

Jesus and the Holy Spirit

Bible Stories

- a) Angel Gabriel appears to Mary
- b) Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan
- c) Jesus and the Holy Spirit
- d) Miracles of Jesus
- e) Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to the Apostles

3) Jesus and the Holy Spirit

a) The Angel Gabriel appears to Mary

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to Nazareth, to the virgin Mary and said to her: "Hail Mary, full of grace! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women."

Mary wondered what this greeting meant,

The angel went on to say to her: "Mary, do not be afraid. You have found favour with God. You shall have a Son and give Him the name Jesus. He will be called Son of the Most High."



Mary said to the angel: "How can this be?"

The angel answered her: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the Child will be holy and will be called Son of God."

Mary said : "I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." With that the angel left her.

b) Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan

John the Baptist appeared in the desert, baptising people and preaching his message. "Turn away from your sins and be baptised," he told the people, "and God will forgive your sins. The One who will come after me is much greater than I am; I am not worthy enough to bend down and untie His sandals. I baptise you with water, but He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."



Not long afterwards Jesus came from Nazareth and John baptised Him in the Jordan. As soon as Jesus came out of the water He saw heaven opening and the Spirit coming down on Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven; "You are My Son, the Beloved; My favour rests on You." At once the Spirit made Him go into the desert.

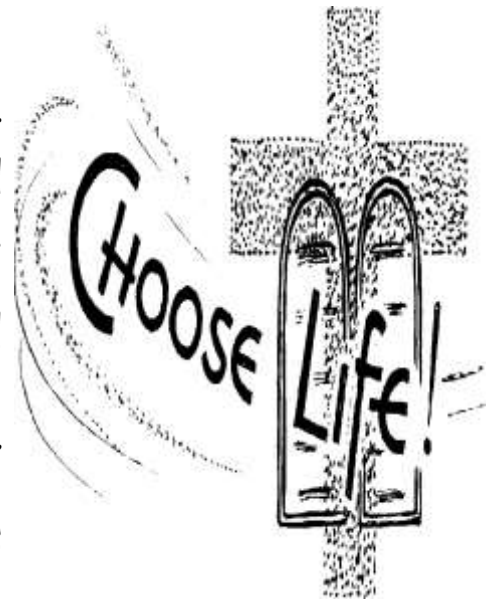
The Holy Spirit came down on Jesus like a dove. That is the reason why the Holy Spirit is represented by a dove, reminding us that He comes into our soul with His grace. He comes to us for the first time in the Sacrament of Baptism. The Holy Spirit comes to us in a special way in the Sacrament of Confirmation.



c) Jesus and the Holy Spirit

After His baptism in the Jordan He went into the desert to fast and pray to God about the work that lay ahead of Him. God had given Jesus great power to heal the sick and perform miracles that would make

people believe in Him. But the Devil, the enemy of God, was determined to make Jesus disobey His Father and to use His power in the wrong way.



Jesus was in the desert for a long time and was very hungry. "If You are the Son of God," the Devil said to Jesus, "You could turn these stones into bread and eat them." But Jesus refused to do as the Devil asked.

The Devil tried again to tempt Jesus. "If You threw Yourself from the top of the temple in Jerusalem, God would rescue You. Every- one would be astonished by Your power." But Jesus knew the most important thing was to obey God.

The Devil tried again. "You could rule the whole world," he said, "if You gave up God's will and followed me instead."

But Jesus had heard enough. "Get away from Me, Satan!" He cried. "The Bible says that we must only worship and serve God."

So the Devil left Jesus, and God sent His Holy Spirit to strengthen Him after His battle with evil.

d) Jesus preaches in the Holy Spirit

Jesus was always guided by the Holy Spirit. After His baptism the Holy Spirit made Him go into the desert. Now He came to His own town, Nazareth, where He had grown up.

On the Sabbath day Jesus went as usual to the synagogue and stood up to read to the people. He read the prophecy of Isaiah : "The Spirit of the Lord has been given to Me, for He has anointed Me. He sent Me to bring the Good News to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to give the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free and to proclaim the Lord's year of favour."

Jesus then said to the people: "These words are being fulfilled to- day even as you listen."

By this He meant that the Holy Spirit was with Him because He was the One Whom God had appointed to preach the Gospel to the poor and to preach the coming of the Lord.



People were bringing little children to Jesus for Him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this He was angry and said to them. "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them: for it is just as these that the kingdom of God belongs." Then He put his arms round them, laid His hands on them and gave them His blessing.





A leper came and pleaded "If you want to," he said, "You can cure me." Feeling sorry for him Jesus stretched out His hand and touch him. "Of course I want to!" he said. "Be cured!" And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured.

When Jesus saw a blind man begging at the side of the road, He put clay on the blind man's eyes and told him

to go and wash it off. The man obeyed and at once was able to see. His parents were amazed for they knew their son had been born blind and had been that way all his life. Not long after, Jesus again met the man who had been born blind and asked him. "Do you believe in the Son of God?" The man said "Who is he? Tell me and I will believe." Jesus said "It is I. You are looking at God's Son." And the man knelt down and worshipped Him.



e) Miracles of Jesus

The Paralysed Man

Four men had carried their friend a long way. They were determined to see Jesus. They knew their friend would be healed. One of them had a good idea. Let us lower him down through the roof. When Jesus saw how much effort the four friends had made, He was moved by their faith. He looked at the man who was sick. He knew that as well as being sick the man had other things troubling him. He said to him "Your sins are forgiven." He then said to the man "Get up! Take your mat and go home." The man jumped up, picked up his mat and happily went home. The crowd then realised that if Jesus could heal some one like that, perhaps He could forgive sins too.



The Raising of Lazarus

Martha, Mary and Lazarus lived in a place called Bethany. They were friends of Jesus. One day Lazarus felt ill. He grew worse and worse. His sisters were worried. "If only Jesus was here", said Mary "He would make our brother better." "We must send a message to Him" said Martha. Two days later Lazarus died. Now Martha heard that Jesus was coming and went to meet Him. Jesus said to her "Your brother will be alive again." "I know he will be alive again in the resurrection on the last day" said Martha. Jesus said "I am the Resurrection and the Life; he who believes in Me, even if he die, shall live; and who-ever lives and believes shall never die."

Mary then came and seeing her tears and the grief of friends, Jesus wept. He came to the tomb, which was a cave with a stone at the entrance. "Take away the stone!" said Jesus. "But" cried Martha "Lazarus has been dead and in the tomb for the past four days." Jesus said "Believe, and you will see the glory of God." So they moved away the stone. Then He called in a loud voice "Lazarus, come forth!" And the man who had been dead came out, though his hands and feet were still wrapped in linen. Jesus said "Unbind him and set him free." Many of the Jews believed.



f) Jesus promises the Holy Spirit

Jesus told the Apostles that He wanted them to spread the Good News. While they had been living and working with Jesus, they had only half understood what He was doing. They had seen His miracles. They had heard His teaching. They had watched His strength and kindness in action, but all the pieces were like bits of a jigsaw and muddled in their minds. They knew Jesus was the greatest person they had ever

met. They knew He could do things that no ordinary man could do. They had not realised how His life, death and resurrection was to make a difference to people outside Jerusalem, people to the furthest corners of the world.

Jesus had told them that He would send someone to help them and they were determined to wait until He came. They did not have the courage, the knowledge and the understanding or ANY of the requirements for such a task.— so they waited and wondered.



They only began to see all this when the Holy Spirit came to enlighten them and to fill them with His power to carry the Good News of Jesus to the ends of the earth.

On Pentecost day the Apostles were gathered together in a room to pray. Suddenly they heard a noise like a strong wind blowing through the house and then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to praise God.

They felt new strength inside them and were no longer afraid to do the task Jesus had given them. They opened the door and went out to spread the Good News of Jesus to the people gathered there. Although the people came from many different countries, each person heard the Apostles in his or her own native language.



Confirmation Chapter 4

Alive in the Sacraments

The Holy Spirit guides His

Church

Members of the Church

Members of the Family of God

We are called by name at Baptism and Confirmation

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4) Alive in the Sacraments

The Holy Spirit guides the Church.

Before He ascended to heaven, Jesus made a promise to His friends. He said:

"I am with you always, yes, till the end of time."

Jesus' promise was not just for the Apostles. It was for everyone who would follow them and become members of the Church. That includes YOU. The small Christian communities which were formed after Pentecost gathered together to pray and to listen to the teachings of the Apostles. They were the CHURCH and as their numbers increased, some of their leaders took the Good News to other countries. Gradually the Church spread throughout the world. Today WE are the CHURCH, the followers of Jesus. We have been given the same mission as the Apostles : to make the Good News of God's love known to all people.



In the Church we ALL have a responsibility to help build God's kingdom in our world. The Holy Spirit guides EVERY member of the Church. How can YOU help to build God's kingdom?

At Home

I build God's kingdom when



In School I build God's kingdom

when



In my Parish Community

I build God's Kingdom when



The Holy Spirit guides our special Leaders

Some people in the Church have special responsibilities. Jesus put His Church in the care of the Apostles with Peter as their head and since then the Church has always had special leaders. These leaders are the Pope, Cardinal, Bishops and our priests. Francis is our Pope, who looks after the people throughout the world, with Archbishop Leo and the Bishops of Scotland who look after the people of Scotland.



Our Parish Priest is Father who looks after the people in our parish community. Our parish is called.....

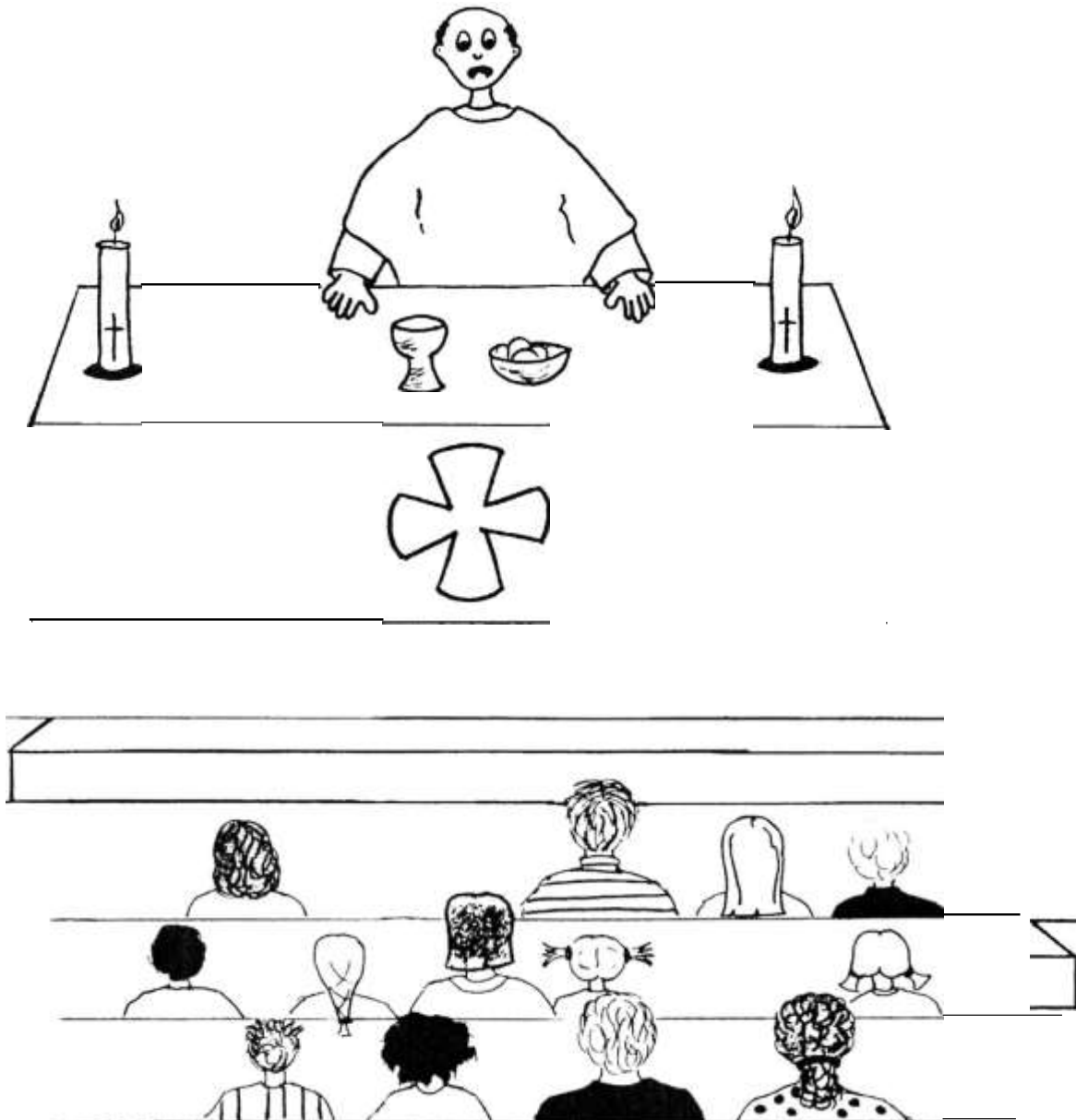


Sometimes in parishes there are altar servers who help the priest at Sunday Masses and other services. Our parish is very lucky as we have a lot of very faithful altar servers - both boys and girls.



MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

Members of the Church Family do not follow Jesus on their own. They are connected. They follow Jesus together. They do things together. They do things together for one another and for others.



CONNECTED TO THE CHURCH FAMILY



Fill in the missing words. You can choose from the words in the box.

connected

follow

together

Church

God's

welcomed

When I was baptised, I was w... into

G... Family, the Church. I am c.....
to the other members of the ...

We do not f..... Jesus on our own.

We follow Jesus t - - - - -

THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

Sacraments are important for members of the Church Family. When a sacrament is celebrated, the Risen Jesus is with the members of the Church Family in a special way.

These are the seven Sacraments of the Church Family.



On this page and the next page there are drawings of the sacraments. Write the correct word next to the drawing.



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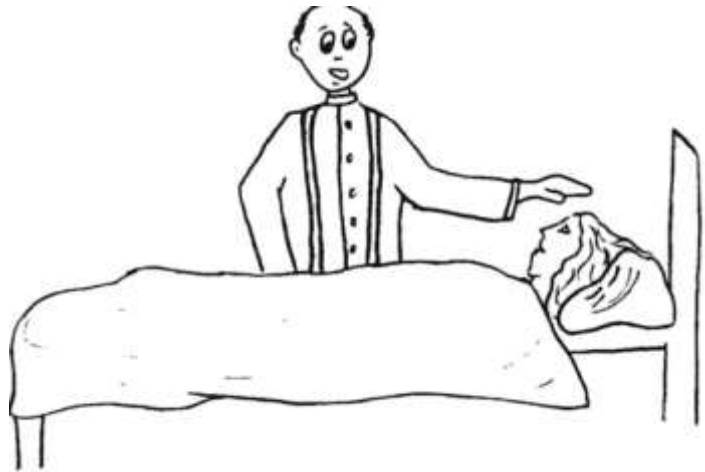
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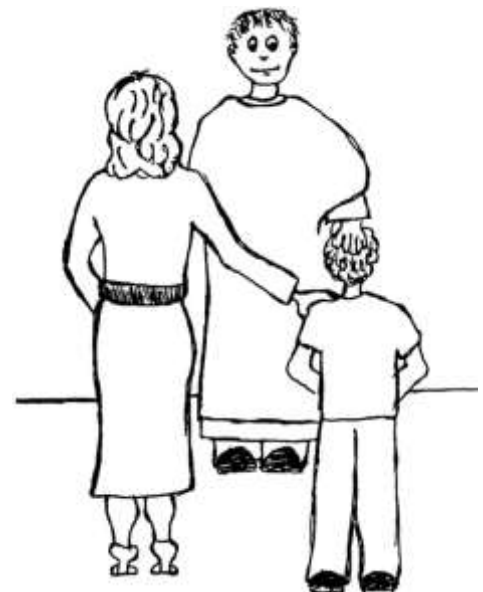
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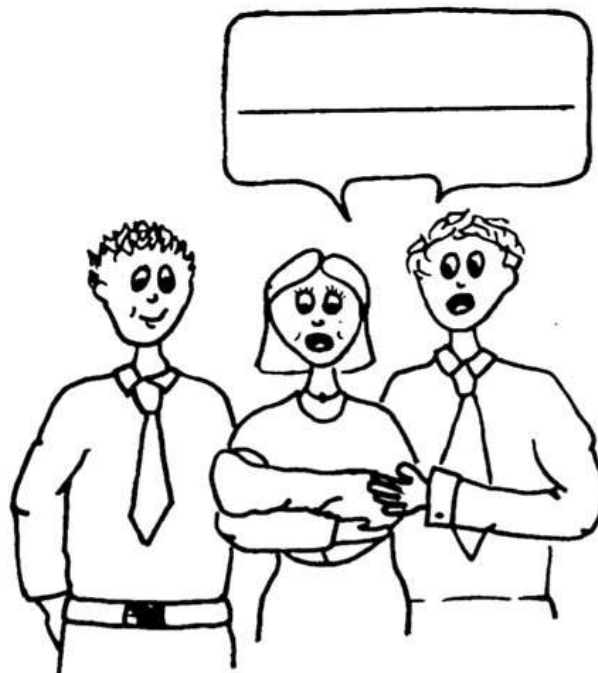
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Baptism and Confirmation are specially connected. They are two of the Sacraments of Initiation. The gift of the Holy Spirit is given to us at both Sacraments. What happens during Baptism and Confirmation shows that they are connected in a special way.



At my Baptism I was named as a member of the Church Family.



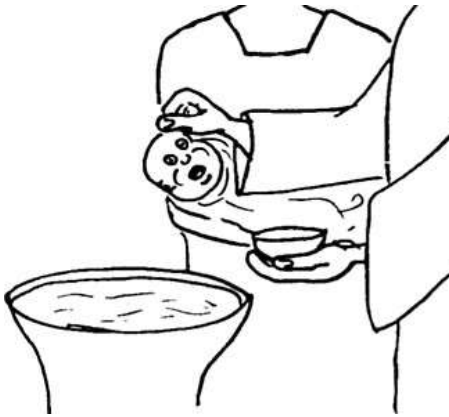
Read the words in the speech bubbles and write your name in each space.

When I receive the Sacrament of Confirmation I will be called by my Confirmation name.

be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit



Write your Confirmation name in the speech bubble and draw yourself being confirmed. Don't forget to draw your sponsor.



At my Baptism I
was anointed with
the oil of chrism.



At my Confirmation I
will be anointed again
with the oil of chrism.

Fill in the missing letters. The words in the box will help you.

We are anointed with the oil of chrism at the Sacraments of B and C.....

Being anointed with c..... means that we are s..... because we b.....to God and because we try to live like Jesus.

The H..... S... helps us to be like Jesus.

special

Baptism

Holy Spirit

chrism

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Confirmation

Confirmation Chapter 5

Christian Journeys

Away Day

Choosing a Saint

My Special Saint

Confirmation Word

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5) Christian Journeys-Saints

What is a Saint ?

A Saint is an ordinary person just like you and me who has lived a very good life and tried to follow Jesus. God gives everyone special gifts which help us to live good lives. The Saints are people who used God's gifts very well and in a special way.

How does someone become a Saint ?

When someone dies, and their friends and family think they were really good, the Church will investigate their lives. If the Church decides that they could be a Saint, the Pope agrees that they should be called "Venerable." The next step is to wait for a miracle. A person like you and me can pray to a Saint to ask for a special thing like healing. If a miracle happens, the Pope agrees that they should be called "Blessed." The last step is one more miracle. Then the Pope agrees that the person is now a Saint.

Do we worship Saints ?

No, we only worship God. The Saints are there to help us. The Saints bring our prayers to God. Mary is a Saint. When we pray the Hail Mary and ask Mary for something, she brings our prayer to God.



Look up these websites with an adult to help you choose a Saint ...
www.ainglkiss.com www.catholic.org/saints

Immediately after the death of Jesus, his disciples lost all hope and meaning to their lives. But the Holy Spirit came into their lives at Pentecost and transformed them. They became courageous, witnesses to Christ, with his Spirit as their companion.



Since then, others have lived extraordinary lives for Christ. For 2000 years some men and women have shown great courage in bringing God's love to people.



Often they have lived in difficult places and situations. We now call them 'saints'. Many of them died for what they believed in.

Look at some of the Scottish saints listed below.

See if you can put them into the right blank spaces.

Patrick

Ninian

Margaret

Andrew

Columba

David



St --- is the oldest of the saints . He lived in the time of Jesus. He is our patron saint.

St --- is the patron saint of Ireland, but he was born in Scotland.

The first person to bring Christianity to Scotland was St -- when he arrived at Whithorn in the 4th century.

St -- Was an Irish monk who died on the island of Iona.

The 6th century had the most saints. Queen --- and King --- were made saints .

A name is important. It is one of the ways we know And identify people.

At Baptism your name was chosen for you. Now you can choose one for yourself.

If you decide to choose a new name why not choose the name of a saint.

Saints are people who bore witness to God in their lives-they are people who lived as God wanted them to live.

They are people we can look up to and try to imitate.

They have been canonised by the Church.

You may already have a favourite saint whose name you will choose.



However, you should read the lives of the saints in the books that are available. You will all I am sure find one who will impress you by the way they lived their life or something really special they did for God.

Some possible saints to choose from are :

St Margaret of Scotland,
St Bernadette, St Francis of
Assisi, St Dominic
St Paul, St Peter,
St Joseph, St Andrew,
St Theresa,
St Patrick, St John Ogilvie.



I am sure if you have a look at the books, you will find many more.

SAINTS (GIRLS) 1

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 AGNES
 ANGELA
 ANNE
 BARBARA
 BERNADETTE
 BRIDGET
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SAINTS (GIRLS) 2

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JOAN OF ARC
 LUCY
 MARGARET
 MARIA GORETTI
 MARTHA
 MATILDA
 MONICA
 ROSE
 SCHOLASTICA
 TERESA
 THERESA
 URSULA
 VERONICA

SAINTS (BOYS) 1

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 DAVID
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 JOHN
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Confirmation Chapter 6

Gifts and Fruits of the Spirit



Gifts and Talents

When and why we receive
gifts?

What special talents do we
have?

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Fruits of the Holy Spirit

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6) Gifts of the Spirit

We give and receive gifts for many different reasons.

Class or Group discussion

- Think and talk about gifts for these occasions.



- Now talk about a gift you have given or received.
 - You will not, as yet, have received a wedding gift, but think about wedding gifts your parents have carefully chosen for relatives or friends. What sort of things do you think are suitable as wedding gifts for a young couple who are about to marry and set up home together? Why?
 - Now write a few sentences about the best gift you have received, explaining why it was your favourite gift.
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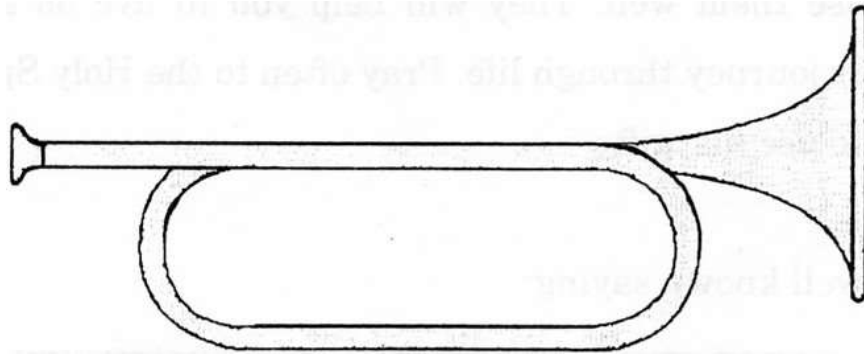
A talent is another type of gift.
We can say that someone 'has a gift for' music, art, sport, dancing, cooking etc.



What does this mean? _____

Can you think of people who have gifts of this type?

Name	Gift



Remember!

***A gift does not have to be something
you can wrap up.***

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

*This prayer will be said for you at your
Confirmation.*

All powerful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide.

Give them the spirit of **wisdom** and **understanding**,
the spirit of **right judgement** and **courage**,
the spirit of **knowledge** and **reverence**.

Fill them with the spirit of **wonder** and **awe** in your presence.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

At Confirmation, the Holy Spirit will bring you these seven gifts. You will not be able to unwrap and see them, but they will influence your life, if you use them well. They will help you to live as a follower of Jesus on your journey through life. Pray often to the Holy Spirit and ask for his help to use his gifts.

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

Note to teachers: This page is intended initially for class or group discussion, to allow children to explore together the meaning of each gift. Encourage them to explain these gifts in their own words. Only after this process is complete should they use the last page of this book.

Note to pupils: On the last page of this book you will find explanations for these Gifts of the Spirit. Do not look at that page just now. Only use it when you have discussed the gifts with your classmates.
No cheating! Here's a chance for you to make the right decision!

WISDOM

UNDERSTANDING

COURAGE

KNOWLEDGE

REVERENCE

RIGHT JUDGEMENT

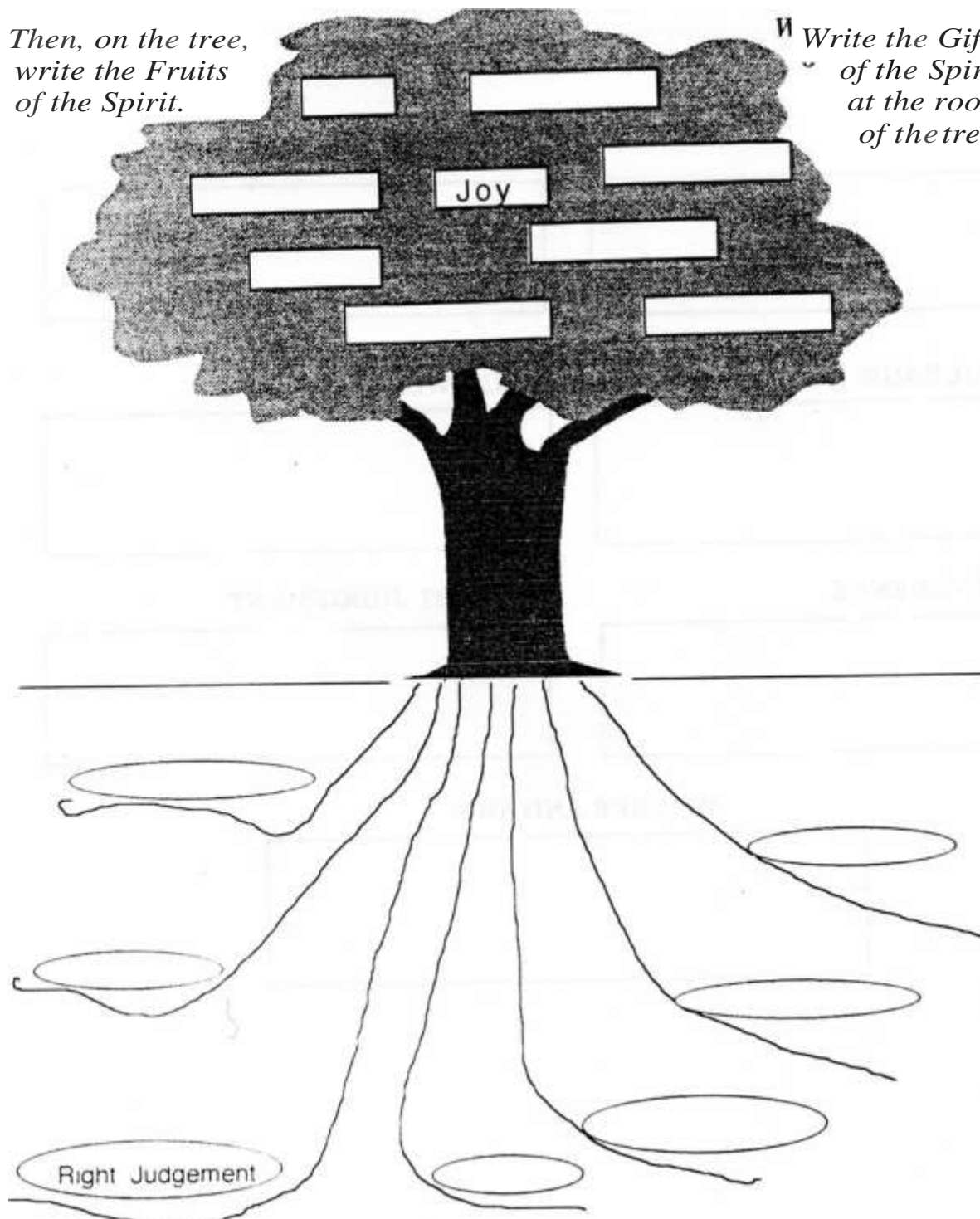
WONDER AND AWE

The Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Just as you can tell a good tree by the kind of fruit it bears, so you can tell what people are like by the special qualities they possess. The Gifts of the Spirit help us to develop good qualities by which others will recognise us as Christians. These qualities are the fruit of God's Spirit living in us. When people see these "fruits" in our lives, in our work, and in the way we treat others, then they know that we are allowing the Holy Spirit to be active in our lives. Read Galatians 5: 22-23.

Then, on the tree, write the Fruits of the Spirit.

Write the Gifts of the Spirit at the roots of the tree.



With your friends, discuss people in whom you can recognise the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. You may have met them or read about them. They may be individuals, groups or organisations. How have these people shown the Fruits of the Spirit in their lives?



Mother Teresa



The Church shows the Fruits of the Spirit in a special way in her charitable activities. The following organisations do charitable work. Write beside each one a brief statement of its work.

SCIAF _____
 SOCIETY OF MISSIONARY CHILDREN _____

S.V.D.P _____

Confirmation Chapter 7

Rite of Confirmation



Signs and Symbols of
Confirmation Laying on of
Hands

Anointing with Chrism

The Seal of the Holy Spirit

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7) Rite of Confirmation

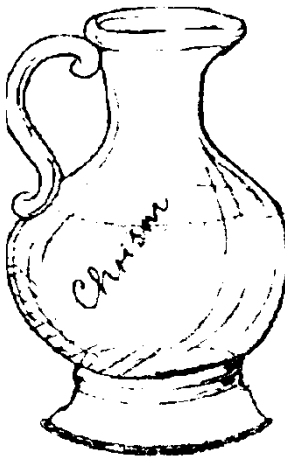
SIGNS AND SYMBOLS

A Symbol is a special sign which can have several meanings and which has *the* power to affect people. The two symbols below will be used during the Rite of Confirmation. Write about each.

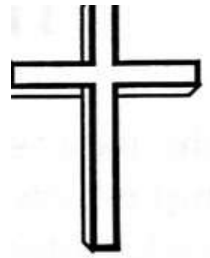
Laying on of Hands



Anointing with Chrism



THE SEAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



Read the following carefully
and then answer the question in
the box.

*When the Bishop or Priest seals each candidate with
chrism, the candidate is sealed with Christ's own personal
seal - the Sign of the Cross.*

What is the cross a sign of?

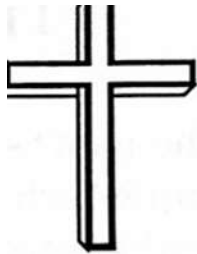
VictoryChrist saved the world through the
cross.

SufferingWe must be prepared to suffer, for
Christ was not afraid to die on the cross for us.

Christ's FollowersThe cross is used frequently to
show that we believe in Christ.

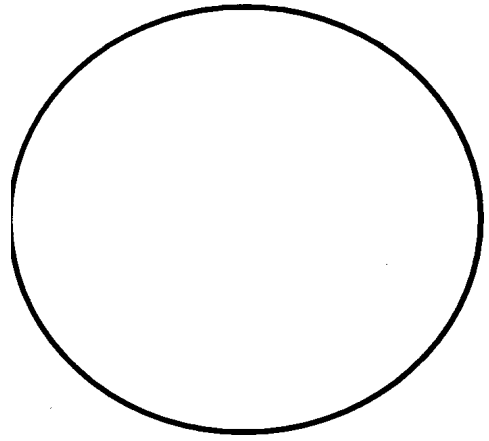
At Confirmation, when the Bishop or Priest marks the candidate with the sign of the cross in chrism, it is to remind them that they are promising to become more like Christ in their lives.

Why do you think we make the Sign of the Cross?



In the past. Some people had a stamp which they put on wax to seal a letter in order to guarantee their identity.

Design a stamp which would identify yourself to others.



When something is 'sealed' it means that an agreement or contract of some kind is completely settled and guaranteed. In Confirmation when the Bishop or Priest gives a person the 'seal' of the Holy Spirit it is a guarantee that the person is a true follower of Jesus Christ, that the agreement made at Baptism between the person and God is now 'sealed' forever.

Confirmation imprints indelible mark on the soul

The seal of the Holy Spirit therefore signifies and brings about the disciple's total belonging to Jesus Christ, his being always at the latter's service in the Church, and at the same time it implies the promise of divine protection in the trials he will have to endure to witness to his faith in the world.

Draw yourself being given the seal of the Holy Spirit at your Confirmation.

CONFIRMATION - WHAT DO WE KNOW?

Join up the sentences with a line and then write the completed sentences below.

Within the Church everyone
has

work for the kingdom.

In the Church everyone
can use their gifts and

gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Apostles changed

talents to work for the
Kingdom of God.

At Confirmation we
celebrate the

different roles and
functions.

The Gifts of the Spirit
help us to

after Pentecost, because of
the Holy Spirit.

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The Bishop, or a priest delegated by **him**, will celebrate Confirmation with you. The Rite of Confirmation is celebrated during Mass. Mass begins in the usual way and the Rite commences after the Gospel.

CALLED BY NAME

"I have called you by your name"

The boys and girls to be confirmed stand as their names are called. Each holds a candle which will be lighted from the Paschal Candle.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

The Bishop will now ask you to renew the promises made by your parents and godparents on your behalf at Baptism. He will ask you the following questions:-

Bishop:

Do you reject Satan and all his works and all his empty promises?

Candidates: I do

Bishop:

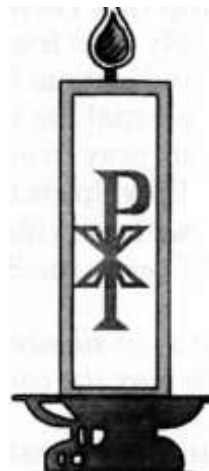
Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

Candidates: I do

Bishop:

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

Candidates : I do



Bishop:

*Do you believe in the Holy Spirit , the Lord, the giver of life, who came upon the apostles at Pentecost and today is given to you sacramentally in Confirmation? **Candidates :I do***

Bishop:

Do you believe in the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

Candidates: I do

Bishop:

This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Candidates: Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

(Before the laying on of hands, the Bishop or Priest says a short prayer)

Bishop:

My dear friends,
in Baptism God our Father gave the new birth of eternal life to his chosen sons and daughters. Let us pray to our Father that he will pour out the Holy Spirit to strengthen his sons and daughters with his gifts and anoint them to be more like Christ, the Son of God.



All pray in silence for a moment. Then the Bishop or Priest extends his hands over the candidates.

Bishop:

All powerful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide.

Give them the spirit of wisdom
and understanding,
the spirit of right judgement and courage,
the spirit of knowledge and reverence.

Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Candidates : Amen.

ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

Each candidate is now presented to the Bishop by a sponsor who will place his or her hand on the candidate's shoulder.

SPONSOR : *Gives name of candidate*

The Bishop will anoint the candidate, tracing the Sign of the Cross on the forehead.

BISHOP: (Name), be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

CANDIDATE : Amen.

BISHOP: Peace be with you.

(The Bishop takes the candidate's hand as a sign of welcome)

CANDIDATE: And with your spirit.

Remember:

The ceremony of your Confirmation, like that of your Baptism, takes place only once in your life. However, living out your Baptism and Confirmation is for every day of your life.

Quick Quiz



1. Confirmation takes place in my school. True ☐ False ☐
2. I need two sponsors. True ☐ False ☐
3. My sponsor must be an adult. True ☐ False ☐
4. My sponsor lays his hand on my head. True ☐ False ☐
5. The priest uses oil of chrism. True ☐ False ☐



Choose the right word ...



*I will choose the name of a _____.
The Bishop will say, "Be sealed with the
gift of the _____ spirit." He will
make the sign of the _____ on my
forehead with chrism.*

you
cross
spirit
saint
holy

*The priest will say "Peace be with _____. I will
answer, "And with your _____."*

