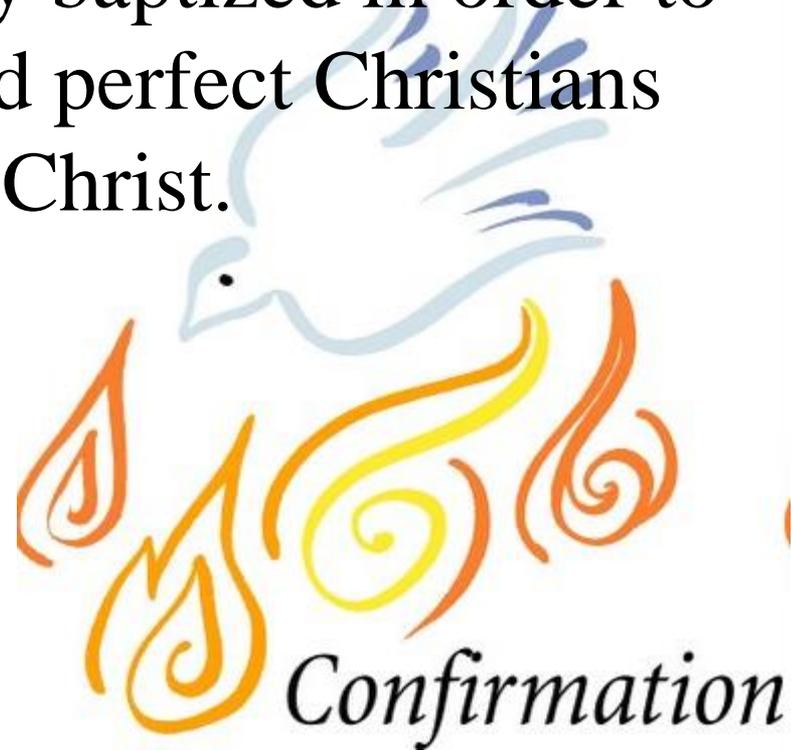
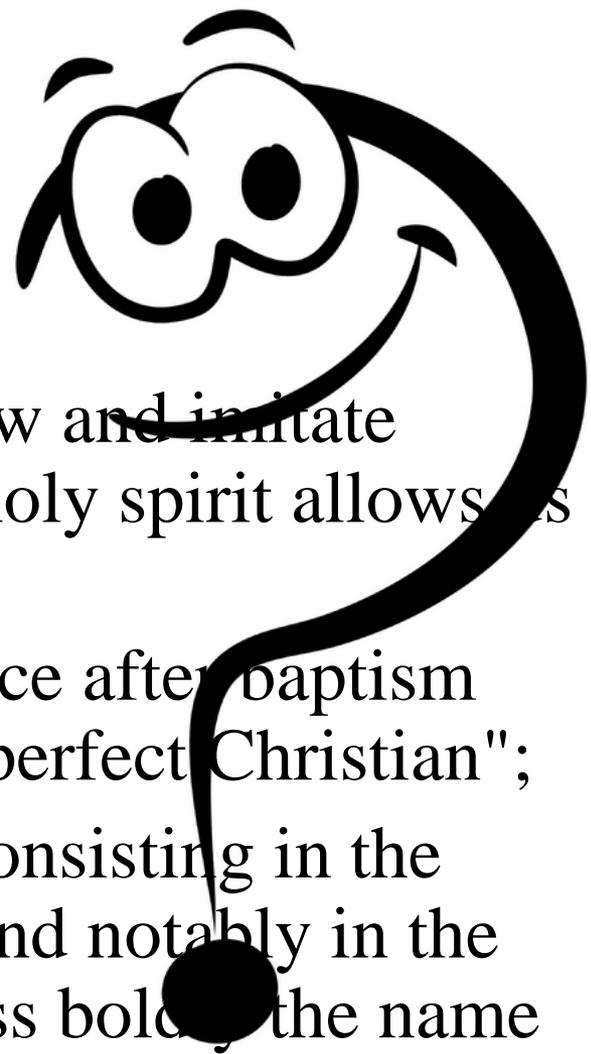


Confirmation – What Is It?

- A sacrament in which the holy ghost is given to those already baptized in order to make them strong and perfect Christians and soldiers of Jesus Christ.



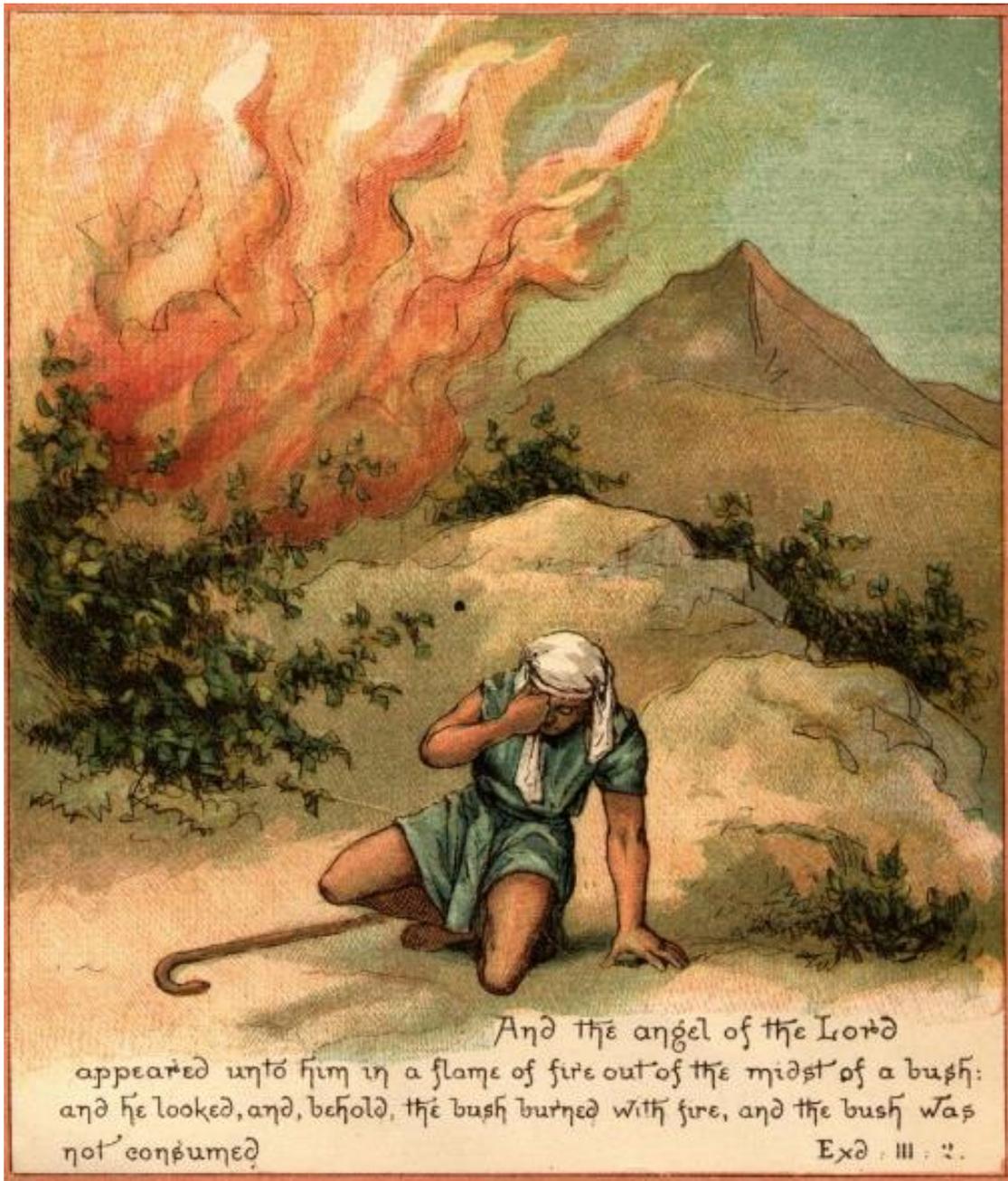
Confirmation: What Do I Get Out of It?



- ✓ Alone we are not able to follow and imitate Jesus. Only the power of the holy spirit allows us to be true Christians.
- ✓ An increase of sanctifying grace after baptism which makes the recipient a "perfect Christian";
- ✓ A special sacramental grace consisting in the seven gifts of the holy ghost and notably in the strength and courage to confess boldly the name of Christ;
- ✓ An indelible mark or character by reason of which the sacrament cannot be received again by the same person.

Questions About Confirmation

- **Do I HAVE to?** – It's a GIFT, not a RIGHT! "You must be present to win."
- **Why are there required service hours?** – Would you do them if they weren't required?
- **Why these sessions PLUS CCD?** – If you walk out of here without learning something you don't have to come back!



Where Does Confirmation Come From?

- Jesus received the holy spirit at baptism and was anointed priest, prophet and king just as in ancient Israel. “Christ” means “anointed one.”
- Pentecost (Acts 2:1-13).
- Apostle’s practice (see Acts 8:14-17 and 19:1-7; especially Hebrews 6:2).
- Clear practice in the early church.
- We do the same sacrament today!!!!

Old Testament Anointing

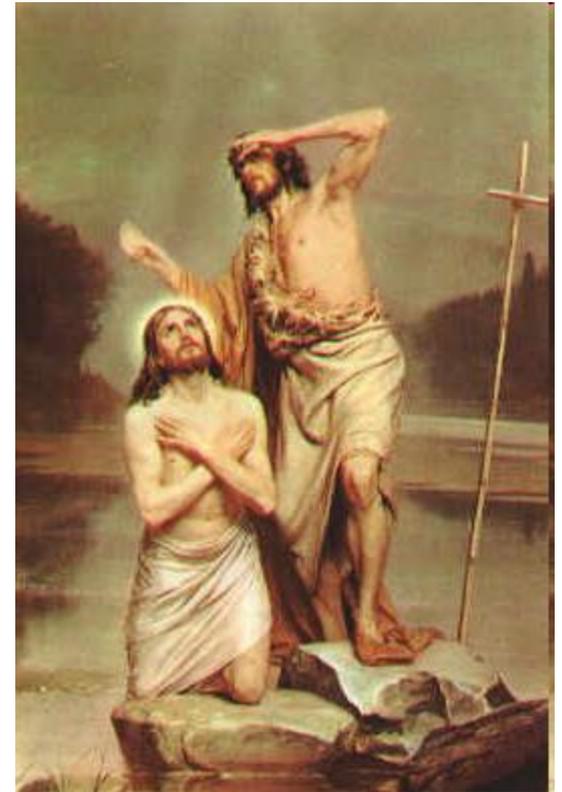
- Moses received the command from the Lord to anoint Aaron and his sons with oil (Exodus 40:12-15).
- The prophets anointed the kings with oil (1 Samuel 10:1 and 16:13).
- During the exile, Israel awaited the “messiah” which means “the anointed one” (Isaiah 61:1).



Anointing of King David

New Testament Anointing

- Jesus was anointed at his baptism (Acts 10:38, Luke 3:22).
- From that time on Jesus took on the role of priest, prophet and king. (Luke 4:18).
- Luke, the author of the gospel and of acts, begins both books with an anointing: Jesus of the gospel and the church of the Acts of the Apostles.

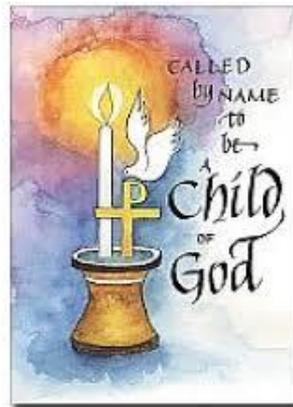


What is a Candidate?



- A baptized Catholic, not already Confirmed, over the age of 7 and attends mass regularly.
- Desires to live as a disciple and witness of Christ and to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.
- Willing to prepare for the Rite, to renew Baptismal promises, to be in a State of Grace.

You are called by God in the
order of Abraham, Moses,
Samuel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Mary,
the First Disciples, St. Peter, The
Samaritan Woman and St. Paul



What is a Sacrament?

An Outward Sign, instituted by Christ, that gives Grace.



What is Grace?

The Saving Power of God
SALVATION IS FOREVER!



Baptism Review

God's Word

Litany of Saints

Exorcism and Anointing

Baptismal Promises

Water (Matter) and Words (Form; Trinity)

Original Sin

Anointing with Chrism Oil

The White Garment

Baptismal Promises



1. Renunciation of Sin – Satan,
his works and empty promises

2. Profession of Faith – Father,
Son, Holy Spirit, the Church,
Saints, Sin, Heaven

The Confirmation Rite

- Presentation of the Candidates
- Homily or Instruction
- Renewal of Baptismal Promises
- The Laying on of Hands
- The Anointing of Chrism
- General Intercession
- Concluding Rites
- Prayer Over the People



What Do Non-catholic Christians Say About RC Confirmation?

- It is not biblical
- It binds Catholics to the church as slaves
- It is not needed for salvation



Apologetics

- Hebrews 6:1-2: "therefore let us leave the elementary teachings of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in god, instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment."
- "Are you unwilling to be anointed with the oil of god? It is on this account that we are called Christians: because we are anointed with the oil of god" (Theophilus of Antioch *to Autolycus* 1:12 [A.D. 181]).



What Are the 7 Gifts?



- **The gift of understanding** gives us a deeper insight into the divine truths of faith.
- **The gift of knowledge** allows us to judge correctly concerning the truths of faith in accord with their proper causes.
- **The gift of wisdom** is given that we may judge and order all things in accord with god's commands.
- **The gift of counsel** (*right judgment) provides a solution to many difficult and unexpected situations and problems.
- **The gift of piety** (*reverence) allows us to relate with others as children of the same father.

What Are the 7 Gifts (Cont)?



- **The gift of fortitude** (*courage) allows us to overcome great difficulties and gives us a power infused by god to endure pain and suffering with patience and joy.
- **The gift of fear of the lord** (*awe in his presence) is given that we may avoid sin and attachment to creatures out of reverence and love of god. It gives us aid against temptations. The gift gives us a lively sentiment of the grandeur and majesty of God and arouses in the soul adoration.

Activity