

Overview

In Chapter 5 the students learned about the Sacrament of Baptism. In this chapter the students will learn about the Sacrament of Confirmation and explore the connections between this sacrament and Baptism.

Doctrinal Content

For Adult Reading and Reflection
Catechism of the Catholic Church

The students will learn:	Paragraph
• On Pentecost the Holy Spirit came upon the first disciples.	1287
• Laying on of hands and anointing are signs of the Holy Spirit's presence.	1288–1289
• In Confirmation we become more like Christ and are strengthened to be his witnesses.	1303
• Preparation is an important part of Confirmation.	1309



Confirmation

Catechist Background

What gives you strength?

The Israelites, our ancestors in faith, were waiting for the Messiah, the Anointed One, upon whom the Spirit of the Lord would rest. When Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit descended upon him, signifying that he was the hoped-for Messiah. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to empower the Apostles in their mission. The Holy Spirit came upon the first disciples at Pentecost, enabling them to do mighty deeds in God's name.

The Holy Spirit continues to empower those who are disciples of Christ. Throughout Scripture and the early Church, the laying on of hands and anointing were signs of this power, authority, and grace. They were signs of the Holy Spirit's power and presence.

In Confirmation, the bishop employs these gestures to confer the sacrament. When we are anointed with holy oil, we are strengthened to become more like Christ and share more fully in his

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- Six Tasks of Catechesis
- Catholic Social Teaching.

mission. “By Confirmation Christians, that is, those who are anointed, share more completely in the mission of Jesus Christ and the fullness of the Holy Spirit with which he is filled, so that their lives may give off ‘the aroma of Christ’” (CCC 1294).

To be open to the Gift of the Holy Spirit, candidates must go through a process of preparation. During this time the candidates study, pray, and do acts of service for others. The parish community is the initiating community. Parishioners pray for and with the candidates, share their faith, and exemplify Christian living in their own lives. This preparation enables the candidates to be ready to receive the Holy Spirit, who enlivens us to be imitators of Christ.

How do you see the Sacrament of Confirmation empowering you and others?

Lesson Planning Guide

Lesson Steps

Presentation

Materials

1 WE GATHER

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Prayer



Focus on Life

- Gather at the prayer table.
- Listen to Scripture.
- Respond in song.
- Discuss the question about change.

For the prayer space: Bible, picture of a dove



"We Belong to God's Family,"
Owen Alstott #7, Grade 5 CD

2 WE BELIEVE

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On Pentecost the Holy Spirit came upon the first disciples.



Acts of the Apostles 2: 1–47

- Read and discuss the text and Scripture about coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.
- Role-play the story of Pentecost as if it were happening today.

- picture of dove
- copies of Reproducible Master 8 guide page 75C

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Laying on of hands and anointing are signs of the Holy Spirit's presence.



- Read and discuss laying on of hands and anointing in the text.
- Discuss actions that are part of worship, and illustrate one.
- Read and discuss the *As Catholics* text.

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In Confirmation we become more like Christ and are strengthened to be his witnesses.



- In the text, connect Confirmation with Baptism and the Eucharist, and answer questions.
- Discuss ways your parish celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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Preparation is an important part of Confirmation.

- Read and discuss the text on preparing for Confirmation.

3 WE RESPOND

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- Answer the reflective questions about giving good example.

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Project Disciple

- Complete the **Project Disciple** activities.
- Explain the *Take Home* activity.
- Discuss/send home **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master for this chapter.

- copies of **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master, Chapter 8 (back of book)

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Chapter 8 Test

- Complete **Chapter 8 Test**.
- Work on *Alternative Assessment* activity.

- optional: copies of Scripture reproducible master, *What's the Word?*, Chapter 8 (back of book)