

Overview

In Chapter 8 the students learned the connection between Baptism and Confirmation and the way candidates prepare for Confirmation. In this chapter the students will learn about the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Doctrinal Content

For Adult Reading and Reflection
Catechism of the Catholic Church

The students will learn:	Paragraph
• Confirmation leads us from Baptism to the Eucharist.	1298
• In the Sacrament of Confirmation, we are sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.	1300
• The gifts of the Holy Spirit help those who are confirmed.	1299
• Confirmation calls those anointed to live out their Baptism as witnesses of Jesus Christ.	1305



gifts of the Holy Spirit

Catechist Background

What has been the most important gift you have received? Why?

The Sacrament of Confirmation is usually celebrated during the Mass. After the Liturgy of the Word, the entire assembly, including the candidates and their sponsors, renews its baptismal vows. This shows the connection of Confirmation to Baptism. After the Sacrament of Confirmation is conferred, the Liturgy of the Eucharist is celebrated. This shows Confirmation's connection to the Eucharist.

The bishop anoints each candidate by the anointing with Sacred Chrism on the forehead as he says, "Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit."

The Holy Spirit is a bearer of great gifts. From Isaiah's words we learn, "The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,

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- Six Tasks of Catechesis
- Catholic Social Teaching
- *Catechetical Formation in Chaste Living.*

A spirit of counsel and of strength,
a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD,
and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD"
(Isaiah 11:2–3).

From this passage the Church teaches that those who receive the Holy Spirit in Confirmation receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, listed as: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. These gifts enable those who are confirmed to live out their Baptism as witnesses of Jesus Christ.

Which of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit do you need most in your life right now?

Lesson Planning Guide

Lesson Steps

Presentation

Materials

1 WE GATHER

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Focus on Life

- Gather at the prayer table.
- Sing the song.
- Respond in prayer.
- Discuss changes to make in your city or town.

For the prayer space: Bible, white or red tablecloth

"Envía Tu Espíritu," Bob Hurd, #8, Grade 5 CD

2 WE BELIEVE

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Confirmation leads us from Baptism to the Eucharist.

Rite of Confirmation

- Discuss the Sacraments of Christian Initiation.
- Complete the list of shared beliefs of Catholics.

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In the Sacrament of Confirmation, we are sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Rite of Confirmation

- Discuss the actions of the bishop during Confirmation.
- Pray for the Confirmation candidates.

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The gifts of the Holy Spirit help those who are confirmed.

- Read and discuss the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- Role-play ways you can respond to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- Read and discuss *As Catholics*.

- copies of Reproducible Master 9 guide page 83C

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Confirmation calls those anointed to live out their Baptism as witnesses of Jesus Christ.

- Discuss the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.
- Identify ways to be witnesses of Jesus.

3 WE RESPOND

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- Identify the fruits of the Holy Spirit you see in others.

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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 9 (back of book)

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Chapter 9 Test

- Complete **Chapter 9 Test**.
- Work on *Alternative Assessment* activity.

- optional: copies of Scripture reproducible master, *What's the Word?*, Chapter 9 (back of book)