

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
Confirmation Class #3 – Confirmation  
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1. Recap of Last Two Lessons

- a. God loves us and desires to be with us.
- b. He created us for happiness, which we find in relationship with Him.
- c. Our sin tarnished this relationship, but God sent His only son to restore our broken relationship through His passion, death, and resurrection.
- d. Before ascending into Heaven Jesus commissions his disciples to continue His mission. This living body of people is called ‘the Church’.
- e. We receive the grace that God desires to give us through prayer and the Sacraments.
- f. Sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us.
- g. Sacraments are visible signs of an invisible reality.
- h. To receive the sacraments it is important to have a proper disposition.

2. What is Confirmation?

- a. A completion of our \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to the Apostles before His ascension into Heaven – See John 15:26 and 16:7)
  - i. The fulfillment of this promise comes first on \_\_\_\_\_, then even more acutely at the Feast of \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. It is *confirmation* of the indwelling of the \_\_\_\_\_ AND of the commission to spread the \_\_\_\_\_, which is first given in baptism. See Acts 1:8
- d. Distinct from Baptism. See Acts 8: 14-17 and Acts 19:1-6.
- e. Confirmation is *not*: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_

3. Signs of Confirmation

- a. Laying on of \_\_\_\_\_ by the Bishop.

- b. Perfumed oil (Chrism) is used as a sign of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - i. Oil in the bible is a sign of abundance and joy. It also used for cleansing and limbering, and is a sign of healing.
  - ii. Anointing highlights the name ‘Christian’, which means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii. Perfumed so that our lives may give off the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.
- c. Imprints a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.
  - i. An indelible \_\_\_\_\_ on the Confirmandi’s soul.
  - ii. Seals are a sign of ownership, or personal authority. Roman soldiers were marked with their leader’s seal.
  - iii. The spiritual seal is a sign that you \_\_\_\_\_ to God and that he has \_\_\_\_\_ you!

#### 4. Celebration of the Sacrament

- a. Consecration of the Sacred Chrism during \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Begins with the renewal of Baptismal Promises and the Profession of Faith
- c. Bishop extends his \_\_\_\_\_ over all of the confirmandi’s as a sign of the outpouring of the \_\_\_\_\_ and prays:

All-powerful God, 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 judgment 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.

- d. Essential Rite of the Sacrament Follows
  - i. Individually approach the Bishop who anoints your forehead with the Sacred Chrism, laying on of hands, and with the words: “[your confirmation name], be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit” and you reply: \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ii. A sign of \_\_\_\_\_ follows to show communion with the bishop and with all the faithful. (B. Peace be with you. C. And with your Spirit)

5. Effects of the Confirmation

- a. A \_\_\_\_\_ character
  - i. A spiritual seal, marking the Christian as a soldier for Christ.
- b. An increase in \_\_\_\_\_ grace.
  - i. Free and \_\_\_\_\_ gift from God that perfects the soul itself to enable it to live with \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Sacramental \_\_\_\_\_.
  - i. Roots us more deeply in the divine filiation and unites us more fully to Christ.
  - ii. Increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us



- iii. Rends our bond with the \_\_\_\_\_ more perfect.
- iv. Gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ \_\_\_\_\_, and never be ashamed of the \_\_\_\_\_ (CCC 1303).
  - 1. Confirmation is the sacrament of \_\_\_\_\_.