

# CONFIRMATION

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## Baptismal Promises

Do you renounce Satan, and all his works and empty promises?

**I do.**

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

**I do.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

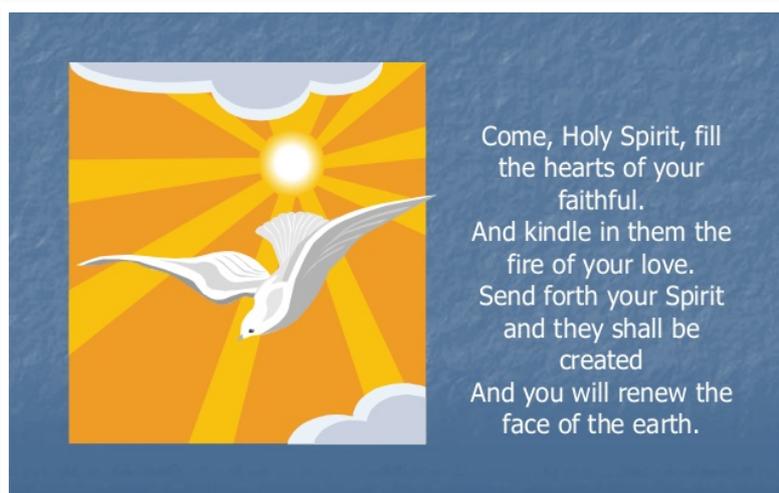
**I do.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who today through the Sacrament of Confirmation is given to you in a special way just as he was given to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost?

**I do.**

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

**I do.**



## Laying On of Hands

*Candidates are invited to stand at their places (with their heads bowed in Prayer). The Minister of Confirmation invites all to pray for the Candidates in these words:*

***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 these young men and women***

***with His gifts and anoint them***

***to be more like Christ, the Son of God.***

*All Pray in Silence.*

*The Ministers of Confirmation will extend their hands over the entire group (instead of laying hands on each Candidate individually) – After a short period of silent prayer, the Minister begins the prayer invoking the seven Gifts of the Spirit. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are being “transferred” to the Candidates in this ritual:*

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## The Gifts of the Spirit

The Spirit awakens us to the presence of God within us, around us, in one another and in our world.

The prophet Isaiah, when speaking of the coming of Christ, says: "The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of **wisdom** and **understanding**, the spirit of counsel (**right judgment**) and might (**courage**), the spirit of **knowledge** and the fear of the Lord (**wonder and awe**). His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord" (Isaiah 11:1-3)

The seventh gift, **reverence**, is that sense of fidelity, respect, obedience and commitment that delights in the presence of God in all God's creation.

## Be Sealed...

When the Minister anoints the Candidate with oil and says the words "*Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit*", they are receiving an indelible effect – a **permanent relationship**. It's like being born into a family: you become a son, daughter... You can't stop being that...it's a permanent relationship. Our confirmation keeps us in a permanent relationship with the Holy Spirit.

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**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,**

**Amen.**

## Anointing with Chrism

*The Minister of Confirmation then approaches each candidate and anoints their forehead with the Holy Oil of Chrism. The Sponsor presents the Candidate to the Minister of Confirmation giving the Candidates Confirmation Name.*

**Minister: N., BE SEALED + WITH THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

**Candidate: Amen.**

Minister: Peace be with you.

**Candidate: And with your spirit.**

## + Holy Chrism +



The oil of Chrism is created every year and blessed by the Bishop of our Diocese at the Chrism Mass during Holy Week. **Chrism is a perfumed oil** – it has a slight fragrance. People wear colognes and perfumes to make an impression on others – a good impression. Confirmation calls you to make an impression on others. Just as a fragrance spreads, we too are called to spread the Good News of Jesus and to leave a good impression on others by living the **Fruits of the Holy Spirit** – "charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity."