

## The Rite of Confirmation

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**The bishop lays hands upon the candidate and says:**

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 his sons and daughters with his gifts and anoint them to be more like Christ the Son of God.

**The bishop lays hands upon the candidate and says:**

All-powerful God, Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your son (daughter) from sin and gave him (her) new life.

Send your Holy Spirit upon him (her) to be his (her) helper and guide.

Give him (her) the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence.

Fill him (her) with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

**Response:**

Amen.

**The bishop dips his right thumb in the chrism oil and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the one to be confirmed, as he says:**

[Your Confirmation Saint Name], be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Response:**

Amen.

### Prayer over the People (*this takes place at the end of Mass*)

**The Bishop says:**

Confirm, O God, what you have brought about in us, and preserve in the hearts of your faithful the gifts of the Holy Spirit:

May they never be ashamed to confess Christ crucified before the world and—by devoted charity—may they ever fulfill his commands.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Response:**

Amen.

# Instructions

## 1. Identify the words and material part of this sacrament (these are the signs)

**Words:** There are a lot of words! But only one sentence has the *official* words of this sacrament. Which sentence do you think it is?

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**Matter:** Can you spot the physical action in this sacrament?

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## 2. What happens in this sacrament?

The Sacrament of Confirmation gives us *special* graces.

What does God give us in this sacrament?

(Hint: Look for the words "give," "fill," "strengthen")

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What does God call us to do?

(Hint: Look at the last prayer, the "Prayer over the People")

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