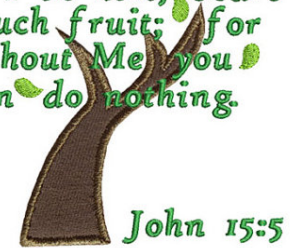




"Remain in me,
as I remain in you.
Just as a branch
cannot
bear fruit
on its own unless
it remains on the vine,
so neither can you unless
you remain in me."

- Jesus, The Christ

I am
the vine, you
are the branches.
He who abides in Me,
and I in him, bears
much fruit; for
without Me you
can do nothing.



Jesus said He would send the Holy Spirit of God to strengthen His Followers.

Confirmation is the sacrament by which Catholics receive a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Through Confirmation, the Holy Spirit gives them the increased ability to practice their Catholic faith in every aspect of their lives and to witness Christ in every situation.

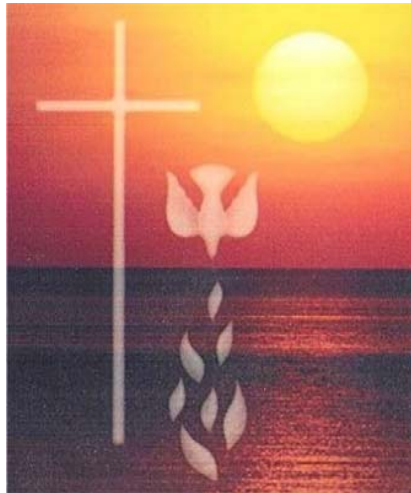
Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation together are the "**Sacraments of Christian initiation**" that are necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. On several occasions Christ promised this outpouring of the Spirit, a promise which he fulfilled first on Easter Sunday and then more strikingly at Pentecost. Filled with the Holy Spirit the apostles began to proclaim "the mighty works of God."

To signify the gift of the Holy Spirit, an anointing with perfumed oil (*chrism*) was added to the laying on of hands. This highlights the name "Christian," which means "anointed" and derives from that of Christ himself whom God "anointed with the Holy Spirit."





You will receive
power when the
Holy Spirit
comes on you...
Acts 1:8



Confirmation
A sacrament in which the Holy Spirit is perfected in those already baptised in order to make them strong and perfect Christians and soldiers of Jesus Christ.

How is the Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated?

- The sacrament is celebrated through the anointing with chrism on the forehead.
- And the laying on of hands
- And the words: Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit



What is oil a symbol of?

- Oil is a symbol of strength and healing
- In the sacrament of confirmation we receive strength to be witnesses of Christ resurrected, and to do what is right and good.



Anointing with Oils

- Oil is a sign of abundance (of grace) and joy.
- Oil is a sign of cleansing and healing
- Oil in Confirmation is a sign of *Consecration*.
- By the anointing you will receive the “mark” or “seal” of the Holy Spirit.



The effects of Confirmation

- A. Courage : mental strength
- B. Hope: Positive outlook on life
- C. Strength: Power to conquer temptation
- D. Purpose: Direction and meaning in life
- E. Peace: the strength to overcome anxiety and fear.
- F. Grace: The power to do God’s will
- G. Truth: The power to do and follow what is right and true.

