

Confirmation

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Strengthened by the Holy Spirit in Confirmation, we can make a difference in the world.

The Seven Sacraments:

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Extreme Unction



Baptism



Confession



Holy Orders



Eucharist



Holy Matrimony

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Revision: The Coming of the Holy Spirit

The Coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts of the Apostles 2:1-8, 11-12, 14, 22, 32-33, 38, 41-42)

When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were Jews living in Jerusalem, religious people who had come from every country in the world. When they heard this noise, a large crowd gathered. They were all

excited, because all of them heard the believers talking in their own languages. In amazement and wonder they exclaimed, 'These people who are talking like this are Galileans! How is it, then, that all of us hear them speaking in our own native languages? ... Some of us are from Rome, both Jews and Gentiles converted to Judaism, and some of us are from Crete and Arabia – yet all of us hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things that God has done!' Amazed and confused, they kept asking each other, 'What does this mean?'

Then Peter stood up with the other eleven apostles and in a loud voice began to speak to the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, listen to me and let me tell you what this means. ... Jesus of Nazareth was a man whose divine authority was clearly proven to you by all the miracles and wonders which God performed through him. You yourselves know this, for it happened here among you. ... God has raised this very Jesus from death, and we are all witnesses to this fact. He has been raised to the right side of God, his Father, and has received from him the Holy Spirit, as he had promised. What you now see and hear is his gift that he has poured out on us.' ...

Peter said to them, 'Each one of you must turn away from your sins and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be forgiven; and you will receive God's gift, the Holy Spirit.' ...

Many of them believed his message and were baptised, and about three thousand people were added to the group that day. They spent their time in learning from the apostles, taking part in the fellowship, and sharing in the fellowship meals and the prayers.

Fruits of the Holy Spirit:

1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Patience
5. Kindness
6. Goodness
7. Gentleness
8. Trustfulness
9. Self-control

Gifts of the Holy Spirit:

1. Wisdom
2. Understanding
3. Right Judgement (Counsel)
4. Courage (Fortitude)
5. Knowledge
6. Reverence (Piety)
7. Wonder and Awe in God's Presence (Fear of God)

The Confirmation Ceremony:

Renewal of baptismal promises: The children renew their baptismal promises. These are the promises their families made on their behalf when they were baptised. They are now old enough to make these promises themselves. This is their way of saying that they want to confirm the promises made on their behalf at Baptism.

Laying on of hands and calling upon the Holy Spirit: In the Gospels, we learn that Jesus placed his hands on people as a sign of blessing or healing. After Pentecost, Peter and John laid their hands on the newly baptised followers of Jesus "and they received the Holy Spirit". So too in Confirmation, Canon Ryan will lay his hands on those whom he is confirming (by extending his hands over them) as a sign that the gift of the Holy Spirit is being given to them.

Anointing with chrism: The oil of chrism is used in Baptism, confirmation and for the ordination of priests and bishops. It is blessed by the bishop during the Chrism Mass which is celebrated during Holy Week.

Canon Ryan: (Name), be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Child: Amen.

Canon Ryan: Peace be with you.

Child: And with your spirit.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

Enkindle in us the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created,

And you shall renew the face of the earth.

O God, who has taught the hearts of the faithful,

By the light of the Holy Spirit,

Grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise

And ever to rejoice in his consolation,

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.