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THE CONFIRMATION CEREMONY

A Introduction

We often celebrate special occasions. When we celebrate we get together. We do things together, talk to each other. We often make use of special signs and symbols. Confirmation is like that too.

The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation is made up of four parts. Confirmation is normally given to candidates during the celebration of the Mass presided by the Bishop. The four parts or steps which take place at different times of the celebration are:



1. PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE
2. RENEWAL OF BAPTISM VOWS
3. LAYING OF HANDS
4. ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

Complete the following sentences about the Confirmation ceremony:

The Bishop who is the successor of the _____, gives the Sacrament of Confirmation at the end of the Liturgy of the _____.

The renewal of Baptism promises means that the candidate confirms the choice made at Baptism. It is about rejecting all that is _____ and a profession of _____.

The sign of the laying of _____ has been used since the time of the Bible when calling down God's power and blessing. It shows that a person is called for a vocation by _____. In Confirmation we are called to be _____ to Christ in the world.

The candidate is presented to the bishop at Confirmation. The bishop calls the candidate by the _____ chosen. The _____ puts his right _____ on the shoulder of the candidate. The bishop lays his hand on the _____ of the candidate and _____ with the _____ of chrism, saying "Be sealed with the _____ of the _____. Finally the bishop shares a sign of _____ with the confirmed person.

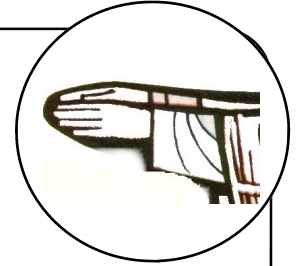
B Signs and Symbols

Make brief notes about the following signs and symbols used at Confirmation.

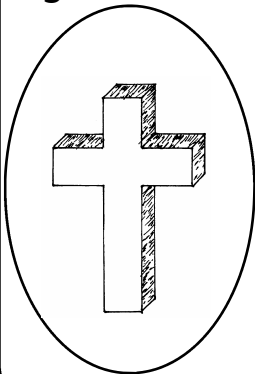
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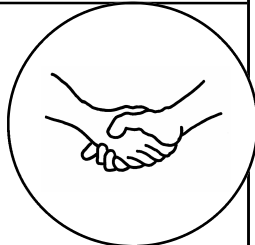
Laying of Hands



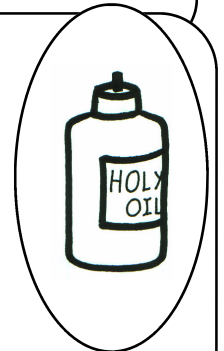
Sign of the Cross



Sign of Peace

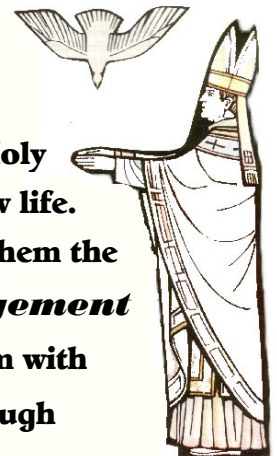


Oil of Chrism



Bishop's prayer at Confirmation:

PRAY AND REFLECT



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 judgement* 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.