

PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE KEYNOTE—CONFIRMATION (10-28-18)

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

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

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?

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who came upon the apostles at Pentecost
and is given sacramentally in Confirmation?

Do you believe in the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting?

This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our
Lord. Amen.

KEYNOTE—CONFIRMATION

- I. Personal Gifts Given Us by God
 - A. Christ Himself—Eucharist (Upper Room)
 - B. Mary—The Cross (John 19:27—“Behold, your Mother.”)
 - C. The Holy Spirit—Pentecost (Acts 1:13-14 and 2:1-42—Upper Room)
- II. Our Experience of Pentecost: The Rite of Confirmation
 - A. RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES
 - B. THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

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.

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. R/. Amen.

C. THE ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

N. be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. R/. Amen.
Peace be with you. R/. And with your spirit.

- III. Effects of Confirmation
 - A. Special outpouring of the Holy Spirit like that at Pentecost
 - B. Impressing an indelible character (seal) on the soul
 - C. A growth in the grace of Baptism
 - D. More deeply rooted Divine sonship
 - E. More firm binding to Christ and His Church
 - F. Reinvigoration of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in the soul
 - G. Special strength to witness to the Christian faith

DIALOGUE QUESTIONS (T/F)

- 1. A bishop, priest, or deacon can administer Confirmation.
- 2. "Christ" means "anointed," and is taken from the Greek word *christos*.
- 3. The first time Mary is overshadowed by the Holy Spirit is Pentecost.
- 4. The Holy Spirit is the Third Part of the Holy Trinity.
- 5. When Father Jack was Confirmed as a boy, the bishop referred to him by his first name—John—when confirming him, saying, "John, be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."
- 6. Infants have never been Confirmed, and should never be Confirmed.
- 7. The first time a Christian receives the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit is at Confirmation.
- 8. Unbaptized adults who come into the Church receive the Sacraments of Initiation in the following order: Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation.
- 9. In the Catholic Church around the world, the canonical rule is that Baptized Catholics should normally receive Confirmation in the Tenth Grade, or between the age of 15-16.
- 10. A Baptized person has no obligation to evangelize others before he or she is Confirmed.

MISSION

- I. Morning Prayer: "Act of Faith," "Act of Hope," "Spiritual Communion"

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.
- II. Mental Prayer During the Day (20-35 minutes)
 - A. The Rosary
 - B. Journal Meditation
 - 1. 5-10 Minutes of Scriptural or spiritual reading
 - 2. 5-10 Minutes writing to either the Father, Son, or Holy Spirit
 - 3. 5-10 Minutes recording what you believe God is saying to you
- III. Examination of Conscience and Act of Contrition:
 - A. Did I speak to our Heavenly Father this day, listen to Him, and obey Him as His child today?
 - B. Did I unite my heart to the Sacred Heart of Jesus today by making a Spiritual Communion or receiving Him in Holy Communion?
 - C. Did I invite the Holy Spirit to direct my thoughts, strengthen my will, and keep God's grace alive in me?
 - D. Did I embrace Mary today as my Mother in the order of grace by praying with her and behaving like one of her spiritual children?