

Confirmation Lesson One: An Introduction to Sacrament of Confirmation

Opening Prayer:

O INFINITE Creator, who in the riches of Thy wisdom appointed three hierarchies of Angels and set them in wondrous order over the highest heavens, and who did apportion the elements of the world most wisely: do Thou, who is in truth the fountain of light and wisdom, deign to shed upon the darkness of my understanding the rays of Your infinite brightness, and remove far from me the twofold darkness in which I was born, namely, sin and ignorance. Do Thou, who gives speech to the tongues of little children, instruct my tongue and pour into my lips the grace of Thy benediction. Give me keenness of apprehension, capacity for remembering, method and ease in learning, insight-in interpretation, and copious eloquence in speech. Instruct my beginning, direct my progress, and set Thy seal upon the finished work, Thou, who art true God and true Man, who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

Opening Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samar'ia had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit; for it had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

Circle the Best Answer:

- 1) Confirmation is usually given by: a) the Pope b) a bishop c) a Sister d) anyone over twelve.
- 2) The oil in Confirmation symbolizes: a) joy b) peace c) strength d) purity.
- 3) Confirmation helps us to: a) make a good confession b) keep out of sin c) spread our Faith d) go straight to heaven.
- 4) The bishop gives a blow on the cheek to remind us that: a) all men must die b) life will always be hard c) we must be willing to suffer for Christ d) everyone must go to purgatory.
- 5) We should study our religion until: a) the end of elementary school b) the end of high school c) we grow up d) we die.

Fill In the Blanks:

- 1) The weapons of Christ are: _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____.
- 2) Confirmation is usually administered by _____.
- 3) Confirmation gives us strength to grow _____ in Christ.
- 4) To symbolize the strength given by the sacrament of Confirmation to bear crosses, the bishop anoints the forehead in the form of a _____.
- 5) Catholics should be confirmed in order to be strengthened against dangers to _____ and be prepared better to _____ their Catholic faith.
- 6) The character of Confirmation makes the Christian a _____ of Christ.
- 7) The bishop anoints those being confirmed with _____.
- 8) In this sacrament the _____ comes to strengthen the soul so that we can become a soldier of Christ.
- 9) Confirmation gives us the strength to bear _____.
- 10) Confirmed Catholics must always study their _____.

Homework:

Read from the Bible:

Luke 10, 1-20; Acts 2; 1 Pet. 4.