

CONFIRMATION

What Is In the Sacrament

For Us PARENTS

When OUR SONS are Ones

Who Receive it?

CONFIRMATION (FOR OUR SONS)

- **COMPLETES** Christian initiation, with Baptism and the Holy Eucharist
 - *(PARENTS) Have we gone beyond INITIATION?*
- **STARTS** life as a Mature Christian to **LIVE** and **DEFEND** our Faith
 - *(PARENTS) We become MATURE models in our Life and Defense of Faith.*
- **RENEWS** a Personal Pentecost
 - *(PARENTS) We transmit the NEED and our EXPERIENCE of PRAYER*

THE 7 SACRAMENTS

- **Baptism**
- **Holy Eucharist**
- **Confirmation**
- **Christian INITIATION**

- **Confession**
- **Anointing of the Sick**
- **Sacraments of HEALING**

- **Matrimony**
- **Holy Orders**
- **Sacraments at the SERVICE of Communion**

GIFTS of the HOLY SPIRIT

- **COURAGE**

- *STRENGTH to stand up for what is right*

- **WISDOM**

- *TO SEE God's Hand working always and everywhere*

- **UNDERSTANDING**

- *A DEEPER INSIGHT into Truths of our Faith*

- **KNOWLEDGE**

- *RECOGNIZE God's purpose for our lives*

GIFTS of the HOLY SPIRIT (CONT)

- **RIGHT JUDGMENT (COUNSEL)**
 - *DISTINGUISH right from wrong and CHOOSE right*
- **REVERENCE (PIETY)**
 - *TO RECOGNIZE our need for God*
- **FEAR of the LORD**
 - *TO REALIZE God's enormous Love for us and the fear of offending Him*

Some Notes (for Parents)...

A quick review of what the Sacrament of Confirmation (and what it is not) is summarized in the video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qt32SyDWuW8>.

Confirmation completes your son's *initiation* to the Christian life, completing Baptism and the Eucharist. As Parents, we have certainly *gone beyond initiation* from many years ago and have been participating at the Eucharist regularly, together with the Sacraments of healing: Confession and (when necessary) Anointing of the Sick. In this regular reception of these Sacraments, we Parents, become mature models for our sons. Parents may also ask their sons now for their support of prayers.

After these sacraments of initiation and the continued practice of Confession, your sons are now looking at *the next big sacrament* they will receive in their lives: Matrimony or Holy Orders. But are they ready to be married or become ministers of God? Perhaps it is still too early to speak about them being married or being responsible as Priests (why not?), but the Church sees this stage (after Confirmation) as part of being mature members of the Christian community. As confirmed Christians, your sons are ready for a more public living out and even defense of the Faith.

The *Gifts of the Holy Spirit* which they have received in their fullness at Confirmation help them in their spiritual progress.

The use of *My Prayer Book I grow Up With* is a concrete help for the Boys at Springdale School. It is also a token of Parents' transmitting their Faith to their sons.

My Prayer Book

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