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PORTFOLIO
ST. MARK'S PARISH
DRUMMOYNE
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Receive the Holy Spirit. John 20:22

Candidate and parent are asked to complete and bring back on your retreat day
(26 August 2018).

Thank you for your cooperation!

THE RITE OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION WE ARE SEALED WITH THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Symbols of the Sacrament of Confirmation

During the Confirmation ceremony, there are many symbols to help us understand more deeply the meaning of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

1. Oil of Chrism

Athletes are massaged with oil so that they are in peak condition for the challenges that they are to face. The oil of Chrism is used to symbolize the strengthening given to us through the Sacrament for the challenges of our daily lives.

2. “N., be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

The word “sealed” is used because official seals solemnize important legal contracts. When we are confirmed we are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. This means that the Gifts of the Holy Spirit will remain always with us and never be taken away.

3. The Laying on of Hands

The special symbol used to emphasise the meaning of this celebration is the Laying on of Hands when the Bishop or celebrant extends his hands over those to be confirmed. He prays that those to be confirmed will receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The Sign of Confirmation

At Pentecost the Apostles knew that they had received the Holy Spirit because they could see the tongues of fire. Today, we know that someone has received the special strength of the Holy Spirit through a special Sign. During the ceremony, the celebrant places his hand on the candidate's head and anoints their forehead with the oil of Chrism, whilst saying;

“N., be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

This is the Sign by which we know that we have received the special strength of the Holy Spirit.

1. Presentation of the Candidates

Those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation are presented to the Bishop or Celebrant.

2. Instruction

The Bishop or Celebrant gives a homily to the candidates, their sponsors and parents in which he leads them to a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

3. Renewal of Baptismal Promises

The candidates are called to renew the promises that were made on their behalf at their Baptism. They reaffirm their Baptismal promises publicly as they respond to the questions asked by the Bishop or Celebrant.

4. The Laying on of Hands

Before each candidate is anointed, the Bishop or Celebrant extends his hands over those to be confirmed and prays that God will fill them with the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

5. The Anointing with Chrism

Each candidate approaches the Bishop or Celebrant with their sponsor. The sponsor places their right hand on the candidate's shoulder and presents the candidate by the name which the candidate has chosen as a Confirmation name.

The candidate kneels or stands before the Bishop or Celebrant who anoints the one to be confirmed by placing his hand on their head, and making the Sign of the Cross on their forehead with the oil of Chrism while saying: *“N., be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.”*

The newly confirmed responds: *“Amen.”*

6. The Sign of Peace

After the anointing, the Bishop or Celebrant says to each person, *“Peace be with you”*, and gives them a sign of peace.

The newly confirmed responds: *“And with your Spirit.”*

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

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The Oil of Chrism is used to symbolise _____

The word “sealed” is used because _____

At Confirmation we are sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit which means _____

The Laying on of Hands symbolises _____

CONFIRMATION NAME

During the Confirmation ceremony, the Bishop will call us by name as we are confirmed. We may choose to use the name we were given at Baptism, if it is a Saint’s name or the name of a Blessed. It is important that we learn about the Saint or Blessed after whom we were named at Baptism or whose name we have chosen in Confirmation. We need to know what we admire about this person, so that their life can be an inspiration to us.

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENT

First Week

Which Mass did you attend this weekend? _____

What in particular do you remember about Mass?

- ◆ What is the vestment color? _____
- ◆ What is said during the homily? _____
- ◆ What reading today? _____

Second Week

Which Mass did you attend this weekend? _____

Which Sunday and what year of the liturgical year? _____

What is the name of the saint we celebrate during the week? _____

What do you remember on the Gospel this weekend?

- ◇ What “small gifts” have you received that have made a big difference in your life? _____
- ◇ How the liturgy began? _____

Third Week

Which Mass did you attend this weekend? _____

What in particular do you remember about Mass?

- ♦ From the scripture _____
- ♦ What said during the homily? _____
- ♦ Name of the fruits of the Holy Spirit _____

♦ What solemnity of the feast the Church celebrate during the week? _____

Fourth Week

Which Mass did you attend this weekend? _____

What in particular do you remember about Mass?

- ♦ In the scripture _____
- ♦ What said during the homily? _____
- ♦ Name of the fruits of the Holy Spirit _____

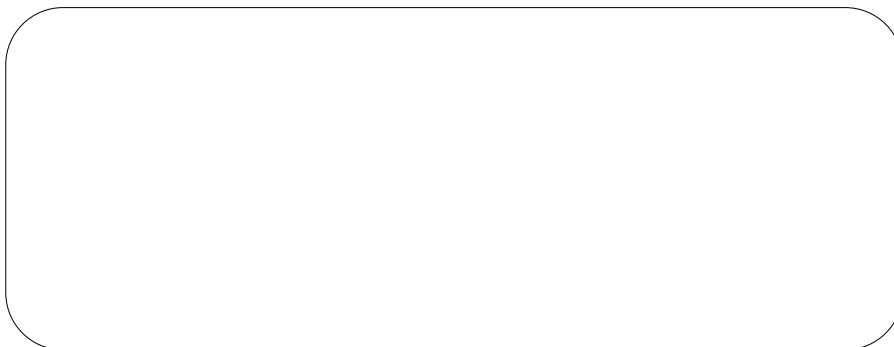
Attendance essential checklists both for parent and children

- ♦ Parents' Only Meeting ☐
- ♦ Enrolment Mass ☐ (which Mass) _____
 - First week session: ☐ Date & Time: _____
 - Second week session: ☐ Date & Time: _____
 - Third week session: ☐ Date & Time: _____
 - Fourth week session: ☐ Date & Time: _____
- First Week Sunday Mass ☐ (which Mass) _____
- Second Week Sunday Mass ☐ (which Mass) _____
- Third Week Sunday Mass ☐ (which Mass) _____
- Fourth Week Sunday Mass ☐ (which Mass) _____

- ♦ The Sacrament of Reconciliation First Rite: ☐ Date: _____
- ♦ Confirmation Retreat and Mass: ☐

My Confirmation

Design a symbol for your Confirmation which represents the most important aspects of the Sacrament for you.



Please complete the portfolio and collect, attach a weekly bulletin from whenever you attend Church weekend.