

WORKING IDEAS FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION/ FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Baptism, belonging to God's family

Parents: please Share info about your child's baptism day

- Were they dressed in a white baptismal gown, or white clothing?
- Were you asked to formally say the name you had given your child?
- Was there water poured?
- Was there a baptismal candle?
- Did you have godparents... what is their role....?
- How did you feel about this special day? Share with them why you wanted them baptised?
- Naming and calling.... why did you choose your child's name... what is the meaning... ?

If you would like to find a saint whose life inspires you and helps you to live as a good Christian, you might like to look at the following alphabetical list online:

<http://www.catholic.org/saints/stindex.php>

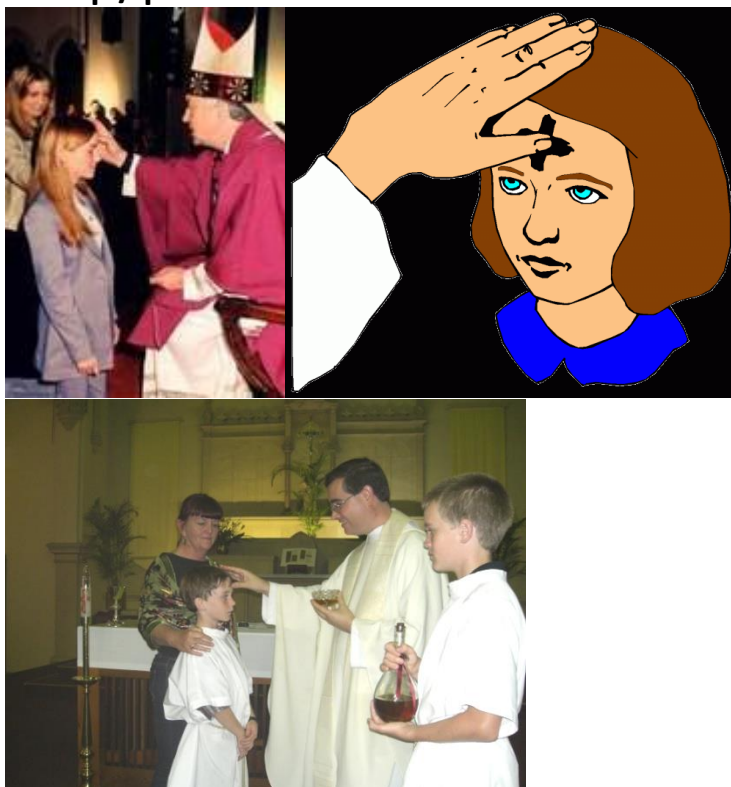
- Promises.. God to us, us to God..
- Godparents/ sponsors
- Gathering as community.. special times of gathering...
- Listening
- Sharing a meal... last supper....
- Going forth...

Laying on of hands.

“When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.” (Acts 19:6 NIV)



- Oil
- Bishop / priest....



A “Sacrament” is a special action, (*a sacred rite*), done by the church to celebrate and make present a special part of Jesus’ work on earth. A Sacrament is a ‘sacred’ moment where we meet God in Jesus in a special way that we can touch. Another word for a Sacrament is the word ‘mystery’ - because these actions are special times of being touched by God’s presence that we don’t fully understand but still believe in.

A Sacrament is a ‘sacred action’ where we meet God at really special moments of our life when it is really important that God is there in a special and obvious way, as part of that moment.

Some of the really special moments of our lives that involve God include:

Sacraments of Initiation or welcoming:

1. Being welcomed as a beloved member of God’s family. The church has a special sacrament where we believe Jesus makes us part of God’s family. It involves the priest pouring water three times on the person “...in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” This is the first step of initiation or welcoming. It is called.....
2. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit from his heavenly Father to allow his apostles to continue his work on earth. Without the Holy Spirit we would not be able to do what Jesus did in his life. The Holy Spirit came down upon the Apostles at Pentecost and they were then given strength to speak

about Jesus' message and they were able to remember what Jesus said and did and taught. The church continues to ask God to send the Holy Spirit to help us in the sacrament of

3. Jesus had the last Supper with his disciples and he took bread and broke it and gave it to them and took a cup of wine and gave it to them. He told them: "Take this and eat. This is my body, broken for you. Take this and drink. This is my blood poured out for you and for many. Do this in memory of me." The church continues to be faithful to Jesus command by coming together in Mass and celebrating the breaking of bread and sharing of the cup. We believe Jesus becomes present to us in this sacrament. This is called the sacrament of the

Sacraments of Healing:

4. Jesus went around doing good for people giving them hope and strength in times of worry and healing people who were ill. The church continues Jesus' good work by the sacrament where the priest puts some blessed oil on the forehead and palms of the hands of the person and prays that Jesus will give them this same healing and strength to bear their burdens. This sacrament is called the.....
5. When people did the wrong thing and sinned, Jesus forgave them. The church continues Jesus' work in the sacrament where the priest listens to the sins of the person and in the name of Jesus declares to them... "your sins are forgiven." This is the sacrament of

Sacraments of Commitment:

6. Jesus attended the wedding at Cana in Galilee. Jesus blessed the wedding and joined in their special day. The church continues God's work of blessing the promises that a man and wife make to each other in the sacrament of
7. Jesus appointed twelve apostles and called many people to serve him as disciples. The church continues Jesus work of calling priests, bishops and deacons to serve in spreading the Good News by sacrament of

Did you get all these correct? The answers are over the page...

THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

- 1. Baptism**
- 2. Confirmation**
- 3. Eucharist**
- 4. Anointing of the Sick**

- 5. Reconciliation (or penance), also known as Confession.**
- 6. Marriage (or Matrimony)**
- 7. Holy Orders (or Ordination).**

Baptism is the first sacrament because it is the way we become Christians and members of God's family.

You are now preparing to have that membership confirmed and completed by this next step as you prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation and in your First Holy Communion (in the sacrament of the Eucharist).

In confirmation, the Bishop (or a priest he has given permission to stand in his place), lays his hands on the head of the candidate and prays that the Holy Spirit comes down upon them to give them the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. These seven gifts will be needed by you so that you can live as a good friend of Jesus and a Christian disciple.

Let's think about what these gifts might be.

To be a good Christian and to be a good friend of Jesus is not always easy. So what are some of the gifts you might need from God so that you can be a good Christian?

Please choose a word to describe each gift that is explained in each of these seven points:

- 1. To be a good Christian, we need the Holy Spirit of God to give us the gift of being able to learn and grow in our faith and start to see the world as God sees them and not just as humans see things. What is a word that you can use to describe this:**
- 2. To be a good Christian, we need the Holy Spirit of God to give us the gift of being able to work out how we are meant to live in this world as a Christian and be able to work out what God's message is about.**
- 3. To be a good Christian, we need the Holy Spirit of God to give us the gift of being able to decide between right and wrong and know what is the right and loving thing to do in different situations.**
- 4. To be a good Christian, we need the Holy Spirit of God to give us the gift of being able to keep doing the right thing even when it is difficult.**

Sometimes people tease us and say hurtful things to us even though we are just trying to do what is right. We need a special gift from the Spirit to keep going when things are difficult.

5. To be a good Christian, we need the Holy Spirit of God to give us the gift of knowing about God and what God's message is about. To be well informed about our faith and its meaning.
6. To be a good Christian, we need the Holy Spirit of God to give us the gift of having a deep respect for God and for people around us. To have a deep respect for the world that God has created.
7. To be a good Christian, we need the Holy Spirit of God to give us the gift of being able to appreciate the beauty of God and how God has created the world and you and me and all people. God has made so many wonderful things and God is great. To appreciate this is the gift of the spirit of

Have you chosen a word to describe each of these seven gifts from the Holy Spirit...

Here are the words that the church uses to describe these seven gifts:

- 1. Wisdom.**
- 2. Understanding**
- 3. Right Judgment**
- 4. Courage**
- 5. Knowledge**
- 6. Reverence**
- 7. Wonder and Awe in God's presence.**





















