

# OPENING PRAYER

**Lord you are the one true God, son of the Father. You know our hearts of men. I beg you to be with me in this session to help me listen. Touch our hearts and minds to understand the importance of this sacrament with Holy Spirit to guide us in our life and our journey to you. In Jesus name I pray. Amen**

# **RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

# Sacrament of Confirmation

**In the Sacrament of Confirmation, we celebrate**

- **With the whole Church**
- **The special outpouring of the Holy Spirit**
- **Completion of Christian Initiation**
- **Commitment to God and to the Church**
- **The call to be Christ witness**

# Sacrament of Confirmation

- **Importance**
  - **Completes Christian initiation**
  - **Seals the gifts of the Holy Spirit we received in baptism.**
    - **Receives sanctifying grace**
    - **Actual graces**
    - **Charism**

# Action of the Holy Spirit

- **Sanctifying grace**
  - a grace that heals our human nature harmed by sin.
    - Because grace is God's own life within you, it enables you to respond to his presence in your life.
  - It strengthens your relationship with God and your ability to live as he wants you to—loving him and others as Christ did.

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- **Actual graces**
  - **interventions of God in your daily life.**
  - **These actual graces are urgings or promptings from the Holy Spirit that help you to choose good over evil and to deepen your relationship with Christ.**
  - **Actual grace works in the moment, helping you understand God's will for your life and avoid situations that would lead you to sin.**
    - **The Spirit does not make your decisions for you, but prompts you to make the right decisions.**

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- **Bestows charism**
  - **special spiritual gifts that are given for the building up of the Church and for the common good.**
- **Our gifts, or charisms, guide us in what we can do in service for the Church and for God.**
  - **In the Church, a person with a charism has been graced by the Holy Spirit to build up the Church,**
  - **to serve the needs of the world, and**
  - **to attract others to Christ.**

# **Holy Spirit Gifts and Charisms**

- **Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

- **Wisdom**

- it is the grace of being able to see everything with the eyes of God.
- and to direct our whole life and all our actions to His honor and glory.

- **Understanding**

- enable us to know more clearly the mysteries of faith

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- **Gifts of the Holy Spirit**
  - **Counsel Right Judgement**
    - to warn us of the deceits of the devil
  - **Fortitude Courage**
    - to strengthen us to do the will of God in all things

# **Holy Spirit Gifts and Charisms**

- **Gifts of the Holy Spirit**
  - **Knowledge**
    - to enable us to discover the will of God in all things
  - **Piety**
    - to make us love God as a Father, and obey Him because we love Him.
  - **Fear of the Lord**
    - to make us dread and hate sin

# CHARISM & SERVICE

- **Early church guides the church of today**
- **We are the present church**

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        - **Eucharistic ministers**
        - **Lectors/Readers**
        - **Musicians, Cantors, Choir members**
        - **Altar servers**
        - **Catechists**

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    - Mission work

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  - **Ordained Ministry**
    - **Through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, they are consecrated to the ministry as:**
      - **Deacons,**
      - **Priests, or**
      - **Bishops**

# **Holy Spirit and the Sacrament of Confirmation**

- **Mission**
- **Examples of Christ's love to the world**

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  - proclaiming the Good News of salvation in everything you do.

**Catholic Identity**  
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**One hour of teaching and listening is not enough to direct our lives.**

**Finally we respond to God by:**

- Praying daily**
- Receives sacraments**
- Listen to God's word**
- Serving others**

# WORD OF WISDOM

**Some Teachings are for the mind. What's important is what touch our hearts, and our will to pursue good and mission through the guidance of the Holy Spirit**