

16: CONFIRMATION & CALL TO HOLINESS

"Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who came down on the apostles at Pentecost and today is given to you sacramentally in Confirmation?"



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'Pentecost' by El Greco



Liturgy of the Word
 & Proclamation

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 11:1-3

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel of St John

John 15:26-16:7

Jesus said: "But when the Counselor comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness to me; and you also are witnesses, because you have been with me from the beginning. I have said all this to you to keep you from falling away. They will put you out of the synagogues; indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. And they will do this because they have not known the Father, nor me. But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you of them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROCLAMATION

If you freely decide to live as God's child and ask for God's Spirit, you will receive strength to witness to his love when the Bishop lays his hands on you, and anoints you with Chrism. You will be a fully-fledged member of the Church, with all the responsibilities that go with it. (cf. YouCat 203)



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CATECHESIS 1: Called to Holiness

! KEY POINTS

DEFINITION

HOLINESS: Holiness is allowing God to _____
 (Blessed Mother Teresa - YouCat 342).



Fill in the blanks
 while in the workshop

WORKSHOP 1: The Bishop's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, Imposition of Hands

! KEY POINTS

When we say _____ to the Bishop's prayer, we are saying: Yes - I want to receive the Holy Spirit! I wish to be a child of God, a fully-fledged member of the Church, with all the responsibilities this entails.

The Bishop extends his hands over you

2 Timothy 6-8: St Paul is speaking to Timothy, who is young.

"That is why I am reminding you now to fan into a flame the gift of God that you possess through the laying on of my hands. God did not give you a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power and love and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to our Lord.."

St Paul is saying - if you open your _____ to the Holy Spirit, he will take away your "timidity" and will give you "the Spirit of power and love and self-control".



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WORKSHOP 2: Anointing with Chrism

! KEY POINTS

The Prayer of Consecration over the Oil

**In the beginning, at your command,
 the earth produced fruit-bearing trees.**

**From the fruit of the olive tree
you have provided us with oil for holy chrism.**

**The prophet David sang of the life and joy
that the oil would bring us in the sacraments of your love.**

**After the avenging flood,
the dove returning to Noah with an olive branch
announced your gift of peace.
This was a sign of a greater gift to come.
Now the waters of baptism wash away the sins of men,
and by the anointing with olive oil
you make us radiant with your joy.**

**At your command,
Aaron was washed with water,
and your servant Moses, his brother,
anointed him priest.**

How do you think God is inviting you to share in his mission?

The visible mark of the _____ on your forehead, is a sign of the _____ seal that God will mark on your soul.

CATECHESIS 2: The Gift of the Holy Spirit

! KEY POINTS

Confirmation - Your Covenant with God

Yes, I believe in you, my God; give me your Holy Spirit, so that I might belong entirely to you and never be separated from you and may witness to you throughout my whole life, body and soul, in my words and deeds, on good days and bad.

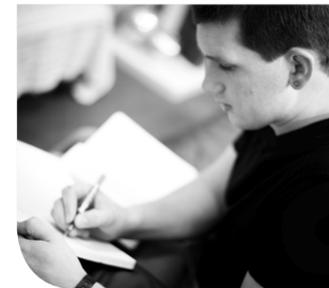
Yes, I believe in you, too, my child - and I will give you my spirit, my very self. I will belong entirely to you. I will never separate myself from you, in this life or eternally in the next. I will be in your body and your soul, in your words and deeds. Even if you forget me, I will still be there - on good days and bad.



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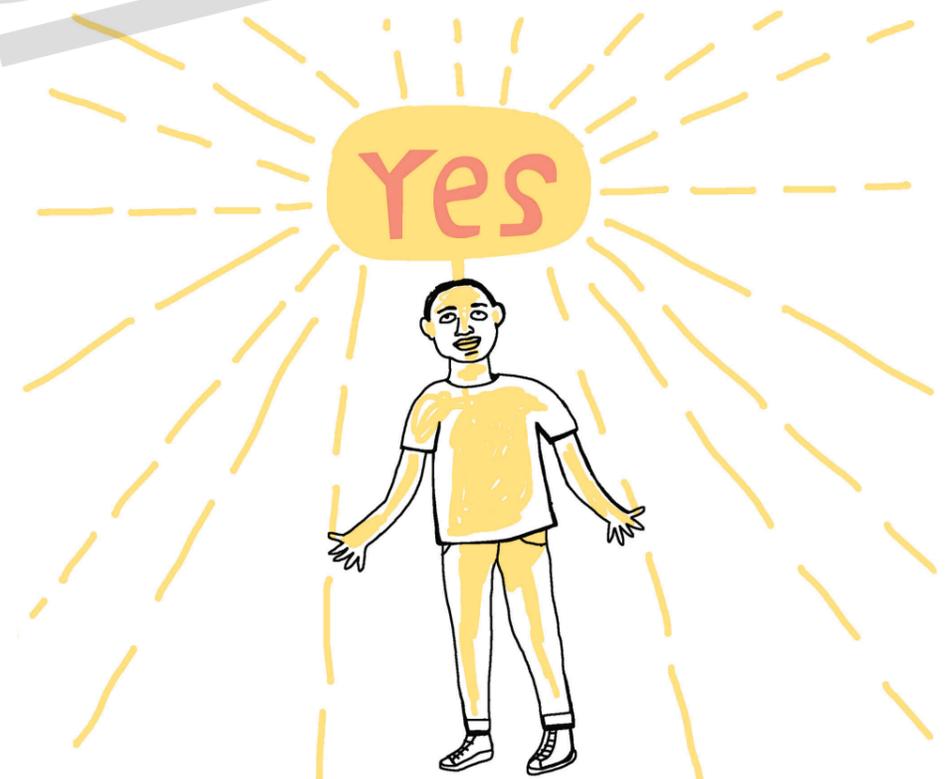
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When Jesus gives you the Gift of the _____ - this is the most precious _____ of all - because this is the Gift of _____ himself. If you get confirmed, you will receive this Gift - simply through the _____ and the _____ of the _____. It doesn't matter how you are _____ that day, whether you believe or not, even if you want the Holy Spirit or not... you will receive this Gift. It is up to you to _____ it.



IN SPIRITUAL JOURNALS

What does it mean that I will have a 'personal covenant' with God?
How does God want me to be faithful to my covenant?



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