

Chapter 8

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

- I. On Pentecost the Holy Spirit came upon the first disciples.
 - A. Jesus told his apostles that they would not be alone in their work, and that he would send the Holy Spirit to guide and help them.
 - B. On Pentecost the Holy Spirit first came to the disciples.

- II. Laying on of hands and anointing are signs of the Holy Spirit's presence.
 - A. Anoint means to apply oil to someone as a sign that God has chosen that person for a special mission.
 - B. The sacrament of Confirmation began with the laying on of hands by the apostles.
 - C. Laying on of hands and anointing are signs that the Holy Spirit is present and of the receiving of the Holy Spirit.
 - D. During Confirmation the anointing with oil is done as the celebrant lays his hand on the head of the one being confirmed.
 - E. The newly baptized received the strengthening power of the Holy spirit when the apostles placed their hands on them.

- III. In confirmation we become more like Christ.

1. Confirmation is a sacrament of Christian initiation.
2. In Confirmation we become more like Christ and are strengthened to be his witness.
3. Confirmation completes Baptism and along with the Eucharist fully initiates us into the Church.
4. The sacrament of Confirmation deepens the grace we receive at Baptism.
5. We are sealed with the Gift of God the Holy Spirit.
6. We become more like Jesus the Son of God and are strengthened to be active witnesses of Jesus.
7. Adults and older children who are catechumen receive Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at one celebration. usually the Easter Vigil.