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WE GATHER

✝ Holy Spirit, be at our side always.

When you are in school, at camp, and are away from your family and friends, how can you still feel close to them?

WE BELIEVE

God loves us and wants us to be close to him. He sent his own Son so that we could know and love him. He sent the Holy Spirit to help us to grow in our love for him. God the Holy Spirit is always close to us. We can turn to the Holy Spirit for comfort and guidance, for strength and peace. The Holy Spirit is always with the Church.

In the sacrament of **Confirmation** we receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit in a special way. We become more like Christ and are strengthened to be his witnesses.

Confirmation is a sacrament of Christian initiation. The first sacrament of Christian initiation is Baptism. Confirmation completes Baptism and along with the Eucharist fully initiates us into the Church.



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The importance of the sacrament

The sacrament of Confirmation deepens the grace we first received at Baptism. In Confirmation:

- We are sealed with the Gift of God the Holy Spirit.
- We become more like Jesus the Son of God and are strengthened to be active witnesses of Jesus.
- Our friendship with God the Father is deepened.
- Our relationship with the Church is strengthened.
- We are sent forth to live our faith in the world.



All baptized members of the Church are called to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Those who have been baptized as infants usually celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation between the ages of seven and sixteen.

Confirmation most often takes place in the parish community. The bishop usually visits parishes or groups of parishes at various times during the year and confirms all those who have prepared to receive the sacrament.

In some places adults and older children may participate in the catechumenate. Together the catechumens, those who are preparing to be initiated into the Church, pray, study, and grow in faith. They receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at one celebration, usually the Easter Vigil.



WE RESPOND

We Belong to God's Family

Refrain:

We belong to God's family.
Brothers and sisters are we, singing
together in unity about one Lord
and one faith, one family.

We are one in the Spirit,
the gift from God above.
We are sent to proclaim God's
word and live together in love.

(Refrain)