

# THE SACRAMENTS

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- Initiation:
  - Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation.
- Healing:
  - Reconciliation, Anointing (of the sick).
- Vocation:
  - Marriage, Holy Orders.



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## INTRODUCTION

Sacraments set us apart from the world;  
Transforming individuals into a community.

We become God's own people  
born to new life by faith.



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## DEFINITION

A Sacrament is an outward sign instituted by God to give grace. (Baltimore Catechism, 1885).

A Sacrament is an act by which God shares his life with us through the material things of this world and other people. (1965)



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A Sacrament is an outward sign, an act:

- Something that can be seen, be heard, touched, smelled and/ or tasted.
- Bread, Wine, Oil, Water, Words, Gestures.
- Candles, Garments/Vestments, Incense, Altar.



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## DEFINITION

A Sacrament is instituted by God to give grace:

- “Instituted”: to be set up, to establish, to ordain, to found, to organize, to nominate, to appoint, to begin, to commence..
- “Grace”: unmerited divine assistance given humans for their regeneration or sanctification...



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## DEFINITION

A Sacrament is (a means) by which God shares his life with us through material things of this world and other people:

- To be grace filled, to be good, to be saved...
- All creation is designed to save human creation...
- It is where time meets eternity, where creature meets creator, where human meets divine....



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## IDENTIFICATION

### SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

- “Initiation”: Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation.
- “Healing”: Reconciliation, Anointing.
- “Mission”: (service to community/mission of the faithful): Holy Orders, Matrimony.



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## INITIATION

Baptism (to wash over continually)

Only means of Salvation:

- Christ's Redemption-His Mission
- Baptism of Water
- Baptism of Blood
- Baptism of Desire
- God's Mercy



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## INITIATION

### BAPTISM

- Matter: Pouring of Water/Immersion.
- Form: N., I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



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## INITIATION

### BAPTISM

- Principal Effects:
- Makes one a member of the Body of Christ
- Incorporates one into the Church, sharing in its mission.
- Purifies one from sins.
- Regenerates one (new birth) in the Holy Spirit.



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## INITIATION

### BAPTISM

- Principal Effects: Priest, Prophet, King (Queen)
- Royal Priesthood: must take on the responsibility of praying for the whole world.
- Prophetic Dignity: required to see injustice in our world and to take up the cause of the oppressed.
- Royal Dignity: empowered to work for a just society.



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## INITIATION

### CONFIRMATION

- Matter: The Imposition of the Hands and Anointing with Oil.
- Form: N., be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.






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## INITIATION

### CONFIRMATION

#### Principal Effects:

-  It is the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit,
-  Given to the Apostles on Pentecost,
-  It increases and deepens baptismal grace.



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## CONFIRMATION

- Principal Effects:
- It strengthens our bond more closely with Christ, the Church and our Christian Mission.
- It increases in us the gifts of the Holy Spirit.



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### CONFIRMATION

- Principal Effects:
- Gift of the Holy Spirit, according to Isaiah 11:2-3.
- Wisdom (Sapientia);
- Understanding (Intellectus);
- Counsel (Consilium); Fortitude (Fortitudo);



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-  Knowledge (Scientia);
-  Piety (Pietas);
-  Fear of the Lord (Timor Domini);



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### CONFIRMATION

- Gift of the Holy Spirit-current meaning:
- Wisdom (Sapientia);-contemplation.
- Understanding (Intellectus);-insight.
- Counsel (Cosilium);-prudence.
- Fortitude (Foritudo);- perseverance.



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## INITIATION



Knowledge (Scientia);-knowledge.



Piety (Pietas);-devotion.



Fear of the Lord (Timor Domini)- respect.

