

Holy Spirit and Confirmation

January 17, 2021

Prayer



Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

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I. Who is the Holy Spirit?

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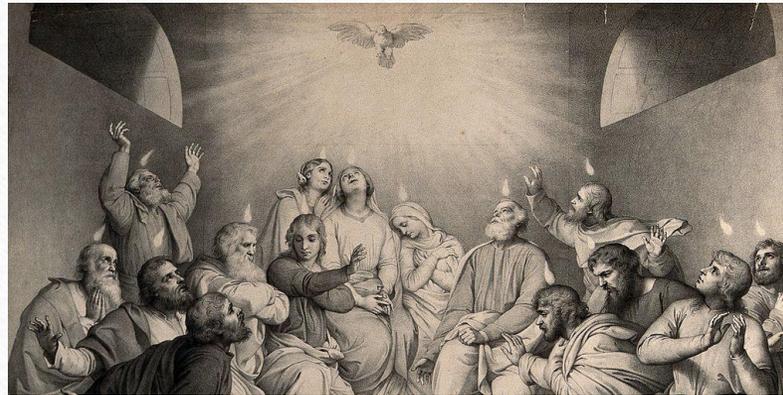
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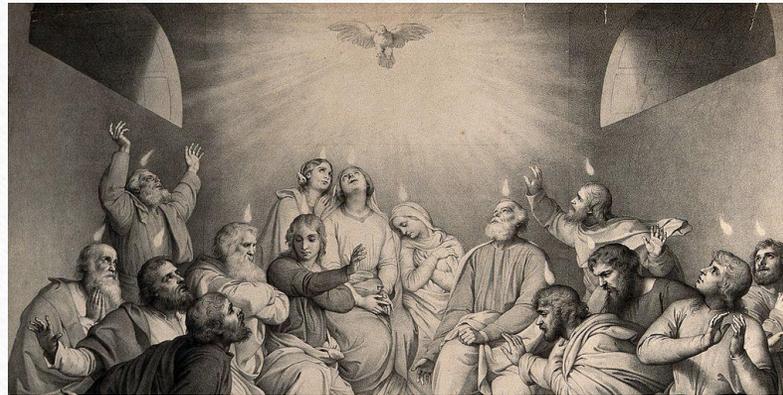
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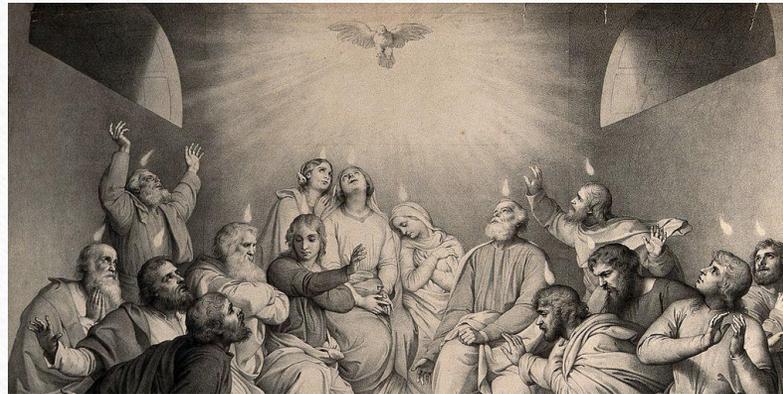
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¹¹ “When they bring you before the synagogues, the rulers, and the authorities, do not worry about how you are to defend yourselves or what you are to say; ¹² for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that very hour what you ought to say.”

- Luke 12:11-12

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Receiving the Holy Spirit



- Sacraments of Initiation
 - Baptism
 - Confirmation
 - Eucharist

Rite of Confirmation



At the Easter Vigil

- I. Easter Candle
- II. Liturgy of the Word
- III. Baptismal Liturgy**
- IV. Liturgy of the Eucharist

Baptismal Liturgy

1. Litany of Saints
2. Blessing of Water
3. Questions of Faith
4. Baptism
5. Confirmation

Rite of Confirmation



Confirmation Mass

I. Introductory Rites

II. Liturgy of the Word

III. Presentation of Candidates

IV. Homily

V. Renewal of Baptismal Promises

VI. Laying on of Hands

VII. Anointing with Chrism

VIII. Liturgy of the Eucharist

Laying on of Hands



Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. ² And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³ Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, ⁴ while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.” ⁵ What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶ They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

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-Bishop's Prayer
During Imposition of Hands

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Anointing with Chrism



- Sign of communion with Church
- Chrism is blessed earlier in Holy Week
- Chrism anointed
 - Oil mixed with balsam
 - Bishop breathes into it
- When is Chrism used?
 - To confer an indelible mark on one's soul, to change one's life



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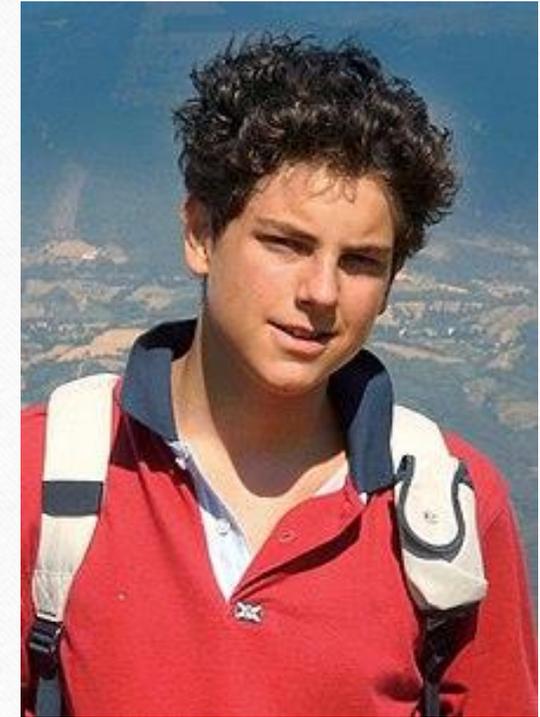
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Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991-2006)



- To be always united with Jesus, this is my plan of life.
- The Eucharist is the highway to heaven.
- The Virgin Mary is the only woman in my life.



Mary



Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.”

-Luke 1:34-35

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

- Matthew 1:18

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Discussion



1. Do you pray to the Holy Spirit?
2. Which gift(s) of the Holy Spirit would you like to grow in?
3. When have you felt God's presence very close to you in your life?
4. What excites you the most about being fully initiated into the Church?

Closing Prayer



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- St. Bonaventure's Prayer for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit