

The Laying on of Hands from the Rite of Confirmation

Let us pray to God the almighty Father,
For these, his adopted sons and daughters,
Already born again to eternal life in Baptism,
That he will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon them
To confirm them with his abundant gifts,
And through his anointing conform them more fully to Christ, the
Son of God.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who brought these your servants to new birth by water and the
Holy Spirit,
Freeing them from sin:
Send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete;
Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The spirit of counsel and fortitude,
The spirit of knowledge and piety;
Fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. What word or phrase sticks out most to you? Why?
2. When did you become an adopted son/daughter of God?
3. What are we hoping for/asking for in the Sacrament of Confirmation?
4. What does it mean to be anointed?
5. Through the Sacrament of Confirmation, who do we become more like?
6. What is the point of being filled with the spirit of wisdom, etc.?
7. What does the Sacrament of Confirmation strengthen you to be able to do/be?
8. Why does the Sacrament of Confirmation matter in your life?