



## WHAT DOES CONFIRMATION DO?

1. Direct Effects of The Sacrament of Confirmation
2. Especial Gifts and Virtues you receive from the Sacrament of Confirmation

# Direct Effects of the Sacrament of Confirmation

- **The Sacraments have effect** in our lives.
- The more open we are, and more aware of the effect, the more intense we will feel them.



# Direct Effects of the Sacrament of Confirmation



- 1) Increases the GRACE of Baptism.
- 2) We receive a Special Mark o Character on our Soul.
- 3) Gives us a Special Outpouring of the Holy Spirit
  - a) To Confess the Name of Christ boldly
  - b) To never be ashamed of the Cross.

- The Sacrament of Confirmation Increases the Grace of our Baptism.
- **Confirmation does "Not"** repeat, or Redo the Sacrament of Baptism.
- However, all that happen at our Baptism is RENEW & Strength.
- **We still have the Graces** from Baptism, but we need the Effects of Baptism to be Strengthen and increased
- You have a Demanding Mission ahead of you, & you need the Grace of Confirmation to increase all that you have received, when you were baptized.



1) **Increases the GRACE of Baptism.**

- One of the Gifts of Baptism, that you receive when you were Baptized, is Adoption—The Gift of Adoption is a Grace.
- The Grace of Adoption means
  - That it is essential that the new baptized Christian belongs to God
  - And it is a property of the Trinity
  - God is his/her family now.
- Remember, among other things, Baptism means you belong to God
- This is the most important effect of Baptism, and it is Strength in Confirmation



**1) Increases the GRACE of Baptism.**



1. **After Confirmation**, You are closer to God than before; you are more deeply bond to His Grace.

2. **In Baptism our Sins are wash away** and we are given the gift of Sanctifying Grace

- Remember: When we are born, we have a stain in our soul,
- We call the stain original sin.
- It is a mark left by our 1<sup>st</sup> Parents: Adam & Eve, when they sin and disobey God.
- We suffer from the mark & the left over effect of Original Sin, until we are Baptized.



1) **Increases the GRACE of Baptism.**





- We may still have some of the Effects , and we are definitively suffering from a very strong tendency to sin,
- **But Baptism** has removed the mark of the sin—the stain of the sin.
- **And here is the amazing part:** The most Blessed Trinity takes up residence in our soul.
- He dwells in the Soul of the Baptized Christian.
- **God Himself comes to dwell in our soul,** and makes us temple of The Holy Spirit; his home in us...  
...at least that we commit a serious mortal sin.

1) **Increases the GRACE of Baptism.**

- **God lives in us**, from our very moment of our Baptism.
- We call this indwelling of God: **Sanctifying Grace**.
- **GRACE** is God's life in us, that gives us Power,
  - to be like Him in goodness and kindness
  - To be Holy and to be Good.
- Some of the Effects of Baptism are strength and Renew in the Sacrament of Confirmation.



1) **Increases the GRACE of Baptism.**





- In the Sacrament of Confirmation we receive **a special mark on the soul**. (indelible Seal)
- **Confirmation effect** is a permanent mark on the Soul.
  - No one can wash out this seal
  - No sin can take this mark away
  - Nothing can hide it or remove it.
- First of all, the mark is a sign: It means that the Christian, now Confirmed, belongs to God in a very special & unique way.
- The Christian is God's property, and a special representative of his Church.

**2) A Special Mark is received in our Soul**

- **This Seal on the Soul**, not only shows God's ownership, but it also gives the Christian a very special power.
- **The Mark is design to move** the Christian to perform certain actions
- **The Mark of Confirmation** takes the Christian: from Spiritual Childhood to Spiritual Adulthood or Maturity.
- The Christian is now able
  - to perform Mature and Stable acts or virtues
  - and to be witness on behalf of the Church.



2) A Special Mark is received in our Soul

- **The Confirmed Christian** is officially a part of the Church in such way.



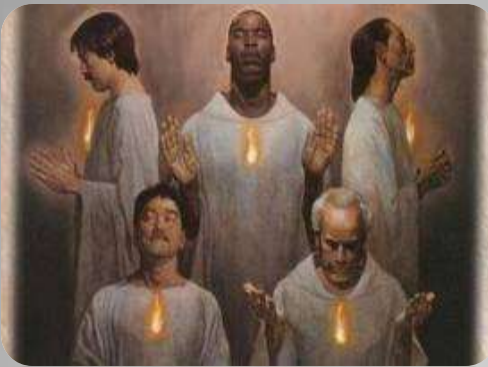
a) **That all his acts, virtues, and good deeds** are done, not just for himself anymore, but as the Church acting.

b) **He makes the Church**—The Body of Christ—visible for the world to see.

- **Now, his actions help** or damage the Church, because he is not alone on the Church; there are others in it, too.
- Each and every Christian has an important part to play, but Everyone acts together
- Your actions & virtues, and good deeds represent the Church, and **Not just "you" anymore.**



2) **A Special Mark is received in our Soul.**



- Do you remember, in the Act of Apostles, about
  1. the Wind moving in the House
  2. & the Flames of Fire coming from heaven & resting over the Apostles.
  3. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit?



- Well Similar outpouring takes place in the Sacrament of Confirmation!
- **The Sacrament of Confirmation** gives us a special outpouring of The Holy Spirit,
- and makes us God's witness for the entire world

**3) Gives a Special Outpouring of The Holy Spirit**

## BECOME WITNESS:

- One of the Amazing effects of the Sacrament of Confirmation, *is the strength, it gives to the Christian to be God's Witness.*
- But this Witness is "Now" official & public.
- **All what the Confirmed Christian does and says,** it is to be taking official on behalf of the entirety Church.
- The Catechism of the Catholic Church, mention 2 special areas, where the Christian, now confirmed, must be witness:
  - 1) **To Confess the Name of Christ boldly.**
  - 2) **To never be ashamed of the Cross** CCC#1303



3) **Gives a Special Outpouring of The Holy Spirit**





### 1. To Confess the Name of Christ boldly.

- ❖ The Christian is call to be a bold, be a fearless to proclaim and preach the name of Christ.
- ❖ The name that brings Salvation

### 2. To never be ashamed of the Cross

- ❖ To always tell others about the incredible mystery & power of Christ life, in saving death.
- ❖ The Christian who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation is bonded so intensively with Christ, as to become his personal press agent (sort to speak)
- ❖ **The Confirmation does** the Christian, the witness of Christ.
- ❖ They are call to give bold and fearless witness.
- ❖ To act and speak in behalf of him

## 3) Gives a Special Outpouring of The Holy Spirit

- **The primary witness**, that the Christian gives, is to **the Person of Christ** & the power of Jesus Christ.
- That is a distinguish characteristic of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Remember** *All what the Confirmed Christian does and says, it is to be taking official on Behalf of the entirety Church*



**Acts and Says in behalf of the Church**



**Especial Gifts and Virtues received  
from the Sacrament of Confirmation**

# Presents & Gifts

- Let's finish up by taking about Presents and Gifts.
- Everyone love to receive presents, specially surprise, wrap presents.
- Among all many things, The Holy Spirit is the Giver of Life, the Sanctifier, the Giver of Gifts, & much more...
- **In Confirmation**, the Holy Spirit comes **with 14 special presents**
- The amazing part about these presents, it that the Holy Spirit wants to give these Holy Presents to us, and he does.
- He gives them to every single Christian who receive the sacrament of Confirmation





# The 14 Presents: Virtues & Gifts

- **The 14 presents** are called virtues & gifts.
- **VIRTUE** is a very especial power we receive from God.
- **A virtue is a Firm Depositor** that we receive from God
  - to do,
  - to say
  - or think something good & holy
- The tricky part about the virtue, it is a lot like a present,
- **You have to open it, and have to use it**, in order to have the power that the virtue can take.





# 14 Gifts or Presents

- 1) Wisdom
- 2) Understanding
- 3) Counsel
- 4) Knowledge
- 5) Fortitude
- 6) Piety
- 7) Fear of the Lord
- 8) Prudence
- 9) Justice
- 10) Temperance
- 11) Fortitude
- 12) Faith
- 13) Hope
- 14) Charity



# The 3 Theological Virtues

- The first 3 Presents we receive from the Holy Spirit on the Confirmation we call them:

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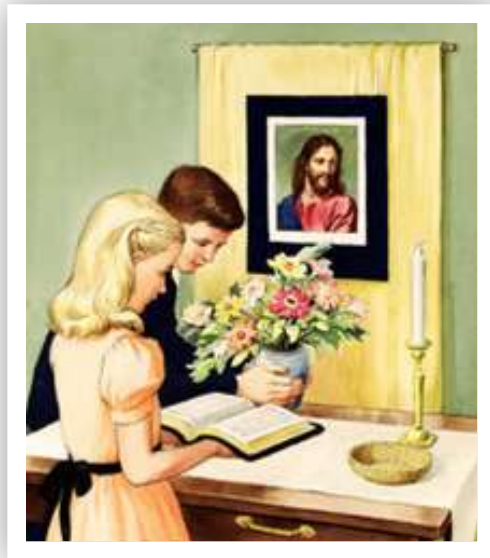
1. Faith
2. Hope
3. Charity



- We have a special word attached to them:
- **THEOLOGICAL** because they puts us in direct contact with God.
- They makes us, like God in love and goodness

# Faith

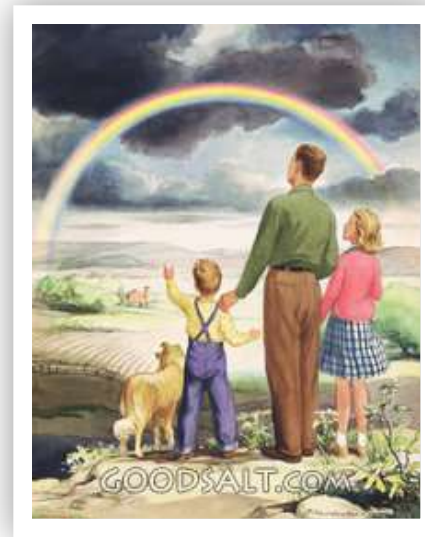
- **Faith** is a special gift we receive, that helps us
  - to believe in God
  - And all he has revealed us.
- If you know a person who has faith, you tell everything about God and they believe it.
- Because God already has revealed to him in His heart, so he knows it.



# Hope

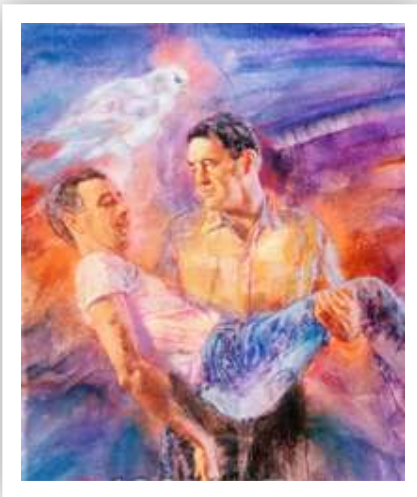


- The next one is a very happy virtue.
- **Hope** gives us the Grace and Power to:
  - to desire heaven
  - And to desire all Graces we need to get there.





# Charity



- **Charity** is sometimes called: *LOVE*
- This Gift gives us the power
  - to Love God
  - To love others as ourselves
  - To love Others as God loves them
  - To have empathy
- **Charity** is the most important of all the presents.



CARDINAL  
VIRTUES

*Prudence*

*Justice*

*Fortitude*

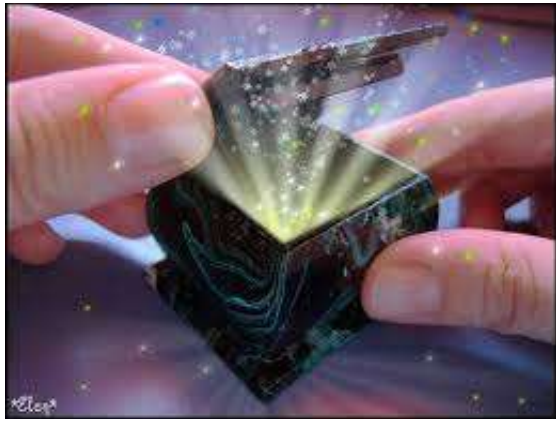
*Temperance*

# MORAL VIRTUES



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- The next set of presents—we receive from the Holy Spirit on Confirmation—is what we called



## MORAL VIRTUES

1. Prudence
2. Justice
3. Temperance
4. Fortitude

- They are very powerful presents of Virtues.
- **We call them Moral Virtues** because **they help us to live our life with great Holiness and Virtue**
- **The Moral Virtues** are what
  - makes life happy
  - and It makes us nice to be around

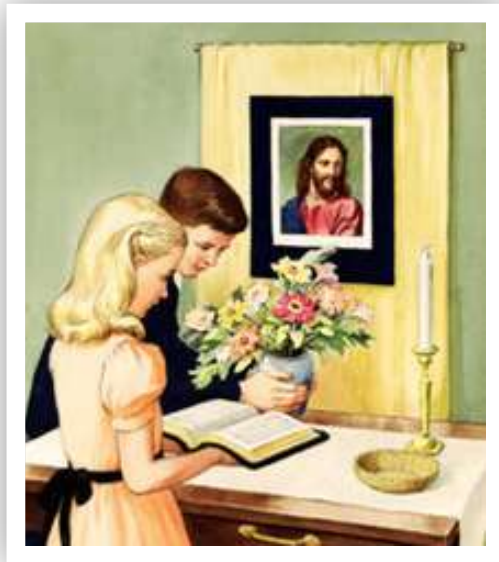
# (1) PRUDENCE

- Prudence gives us the ability to figure out in our mind,
  - what is what we should do?
  - The Right Thing to do!
- Prudence is really important; for example:
  - I may have the desires to be very good
  - To do kind things to my friends & family members
- ...But if I do not know the proper way to go about and doing it,  
Then, the action may not be the best!



## (2) JUSTICE

- In this virtue we have the power
  - to give God what we owe
  - And to give others what we owe them.
- **Justices implies,** To be under a moral obligation to give someone (gratitude, respect, caring, etc.).



## (2) JUSTICE

- Every human being needs at least the basic human needs
  - ❖ Every person deserves to have shelter, food, clothing, clean water
  - ❖ to have an education, health
  - ❖ And to know that God loves them and cares.



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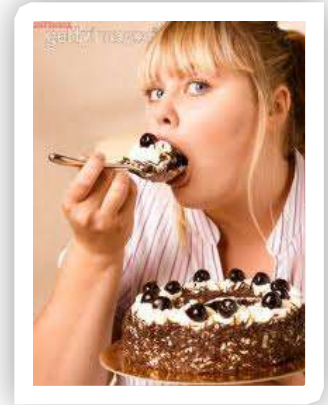


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# (3) TEMPERANCE

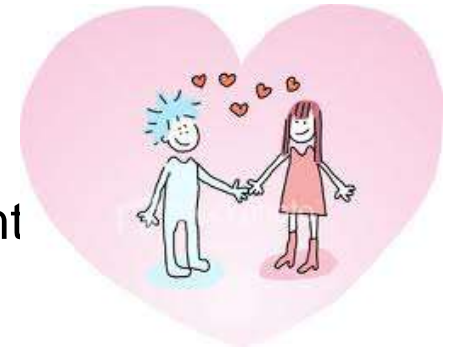
- **Temperance** gives me the ability to use the created good, in the right way.
- **For example:** You have a weakness for chocolate cake; and eating too much, it can make you sick, or your body.
- So you need the Virtue Of Temperance to help you eat chocolate cake,
  - in the right amount
  - and in the right time.
- The best is to control your appetite for chocolate cake.
- **You need to have moderation,** or self-control in eating too much chocolate cake.



# (3) TEMPERANCE

- **Everything that God has created** is for our good, **but we need to use it properly**; in the right way.
- **The best is to have a balance** for food, desires, feelings, and thoughts
- This means to have moderation or self-control, in eating, drinking, desiring, or feeling, etc.

...In order to be in harmony with you-self and the created world.



# (3) TEMPERANCE

- Everything in God Plan has a purpose.
- Everything that God has creates is for our good, but we need to use it in the right way, and the proper time.
- We must have moderation, or self-control, in desiring, and feeling.
- In order to be in harmony within our-selves and the created world.





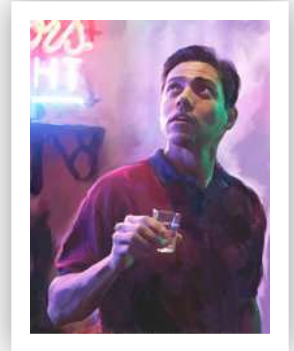
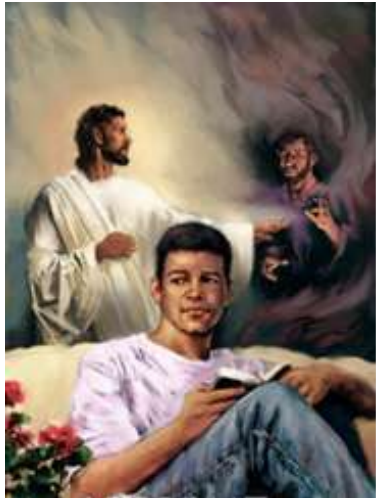
# FORTITUDE

- A Fort is some kind of base or military fortress that stands firm outside the castle.
- It is very difficult for an enemy to enter the fort!
- In similar way, the **Virtue of Fortitude** gives us the power
  - to be strong
  - And withstand temptation to sin



# (4) FORTITUDE

- **Fortitude** makes us constants
  - in our pursuit of the good
  - And our attempt to overcome sin.
- **Fortitude** also gives us courage *in pain, or adversity.*





**MORE**

# **SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**



# The 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit

- ▶ The last 7 set of presents, of the Holy Spirit, define us.
- ▶ THE 7 GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: are Permanent Dispositions, which *makes us docile in following the Holy Spirit*.
- ▶ What is a Disposition?
- ▶ A disposition is something *in us* that makes want to act in certain way.



# The 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit

- ▶ The purpose of these gifts, is to make us listen more closely to the Holy Spirit.
- ▶ Because Jesus—with his death and Resurrection—wan back the Grace lost,
- ▶ a gift of the Holy Spirit is Permanent! It can not be removed!
- ▶ But only, it can be WEAKEN, by Sin.



# The 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit

- 1) **Wisdom**
- 2) **Understanding**
- 3) **Counsel**
- 4) **Knowledge**
- 5) **Fortitude**
- 6) **Piety**
- 7) **Fear of the Lord**







## 4 GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT





# First 4 of 7 Gifts the Holy Spirit

- ▶ The 1<sup>st</sup> four of the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit have to do
  - with our mind
  - or what we called intellect.



# 1. WISDOM

- ▶ We have the Gift of Wisdom
- ▶ This helps us to recognize, and see God in all the situations and things.
- ▶ So who is Wise, can see that God is at work on his/her life.



## 2. UNDERSTANDING

- ▶ The next gift, He gives us in Understanding.
- ▶ This enlighten our minds
  - To recognize what is true
  - And what is false.
- ▶ It is almost as we can naturally sense the presence of True—*That's the gift of understanding!*



# 3. COUNSEL

- ▶ **The gift of Council:** this helps us to figure out the best way to follow God's will in our lives.
- ▶ It also helps us to pray,
- ▶ and figure out what our vocation or mission in life will be.
  - Whether we are call to be a priest, a nun or sister,
  - Or a single person,
  - Or married person in the world.
- ▶ Living our Vocation properly we may help others, when they are looking for Advice or guidance,
- ▶ Usually people solicited guidance from a knowledgeable person
  - *a valuable friend.*
  - *Or some one having admirable,*
  - *or esteemed qualities, or characteristics*





# 4. KNOWLEDGE

- ▶ **Knowledge:** this gift gives us a special inside, into who we truly are!
- ▶ **And who it is, that God created us to be.**
  - ☑ We discover our talents
  - ☑ Our gifts
  - ☑ Even our weakness & faults
- ▶ With this knowledge of ourselves,
  - ✓ we can better serve God,
  - ✓ and be true witness.
  - ✓ Becoming what we were meant to be.







## 3 GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



# Last 3 of 7 Gifts of The Holy Spirit

- ▶ The last 3 gifts of the Holy Spirit have to do
  - With our actions
  - And our habits



# 5. FORTITUDE

- ▶ This gift is so important that we have seen it before.
- ▶ There are 2 presents we call FORTITUDE
- ▶ Fortitude is the ability to overcome great obstacles with amazing courage & Grace.



# 6. PIETY

- ▶ **Piety gives us the great feeling of Peace, and Fulfillment in the service of God.**
- ▶ **Piety is the virtue that it makes delight**
  - ☑ in Prayer
  - ☑ in doing Good things for others
  - ☑ and in doing good things for God
- ▶ **Have you ever felt a little joy in your heart when you**
  - spend some time in prayer?
  - or you pay full attention to others?
- ▶ **That's a sign that you have the gift of Piety in your soul.**





# 7. FEAR OF THE LORD

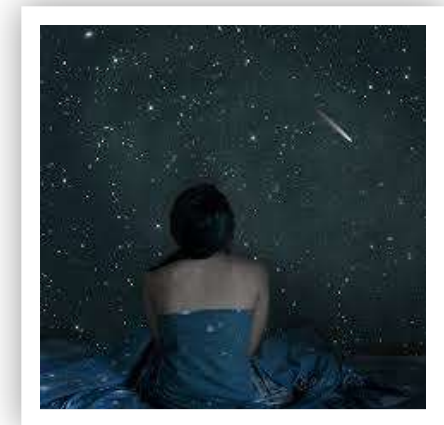
- ▶ The last gift of the Holy Spirit: FEAR OR THE LORD.
- ▶ It is sometimes called “WONDER & AWE”
- ▶ We marvel in the presence of God
- ▶ We are filled with wonder, or astonishment.
- ▶ The Holy Spirit brings all this presence at the Sacrament of Confirmation
- ▶ **He gives us this gift, to be unwrap, used, and treasured by the New Confirm Christian.**





# 7. FEAR OF THE LORD

- ▶ This gift gives us special loving reverence
  - for God
  - Or for the things of God.
- ▶ This gift makes us respect objects, and persons that are consecrated to God
- ▶ And helps us to recognize the Presence of God in all that is Good and Holy.
- ▶ Also the feeling of great surprise, or wonder for his work in the Universe, & the whole the creation.



# The Fruit of the Spirit

LOVE

JOY

PEACE

PATIENCE

KINDNESS

GOODNESS

FAITHFULNESS

GENTLENESS

SELF-CONTROL



# FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

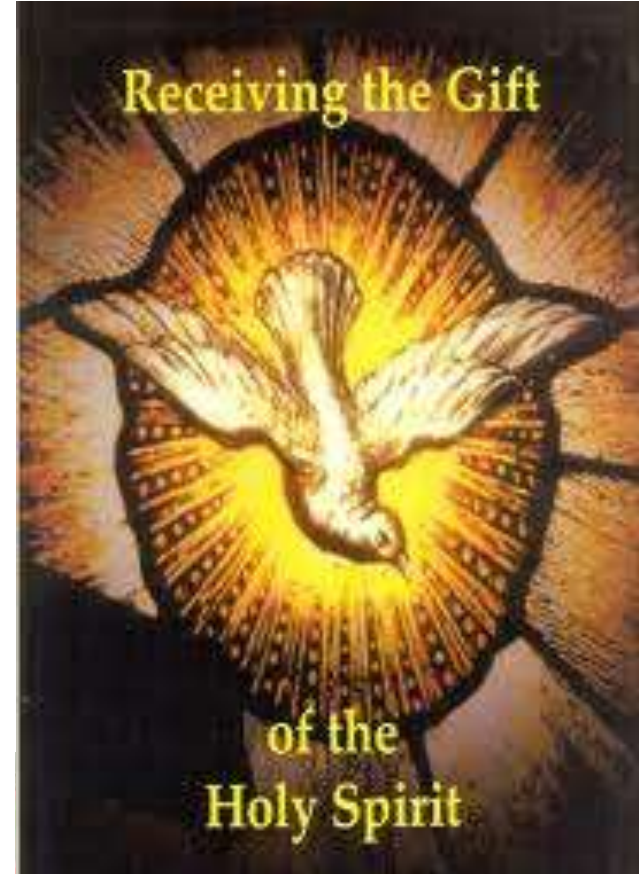
How the Holy Spirit works *in & through* Believers

# 14 Presents to Bear Good Fruits

- ▶ Once we have received Graces (gifts of the Holy Spirit)
  - 1) God himself comes to dwell in our soul,
  - 2) and He makes it possible, for us to become holy.
  - 3) And bear good fruits

In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.

And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. *(Ephesians 2: 8-10)*





# 9 Fruits of The Holy Spirit

▶ With God's Grace in our Soul, we may bear 9 (or more) fruits of the Holy Spirit:

- 1) Love
- 2) Joy
- 3) Peace
- 4) Patient
- 5) Kindness
- 6) Goodness
- 7) Faithfulness
- 8) Gentleness
- 9) Self-Control





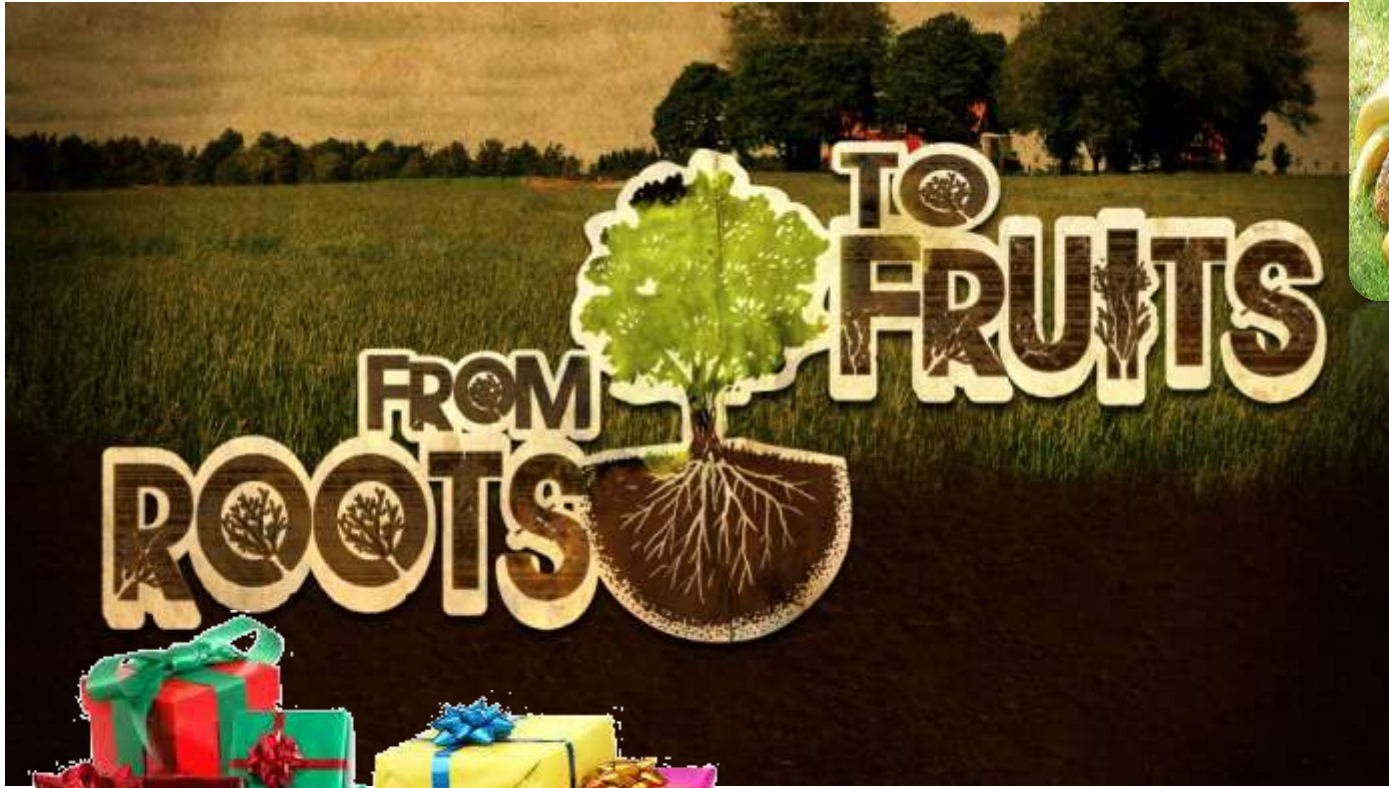
# To Bear Good Fruits

- ▶ Once we have receive the Graces (Gifts of the Holy Spirit) in the Sacraments,
- ▶ Now, We, “the Christians” are equipped with tools
  - To bear good fruits
  - To do good deeds and
  - To do little acts of loves.
- ▶ But we have to recognized that all good deeds that we do, come from GOD himself,
- ▶ because he is the Source of all Graces and goodness.
- ▶ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.
- ▶ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2: 21-22)

## The Fruit of God's Spirit



# Relationship between Gifts and Fruits





# Fruits



# Relationship between **Sacraments** and **Fruits**



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**In the Sacraments**

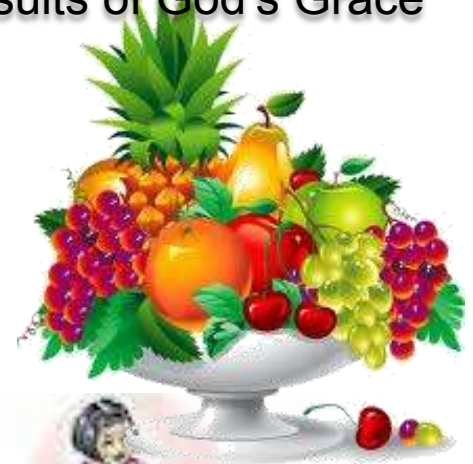
*We receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit  
Pours Grace in our souls  
By the Power of the Holy Spirit*



**The Eucharist**

*Nourishes & Strength  
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By the Power of the Holy Spirit*

*Our actions and good deeds are  
Fruits of the Holy Spirit  
Results of God's Grace*



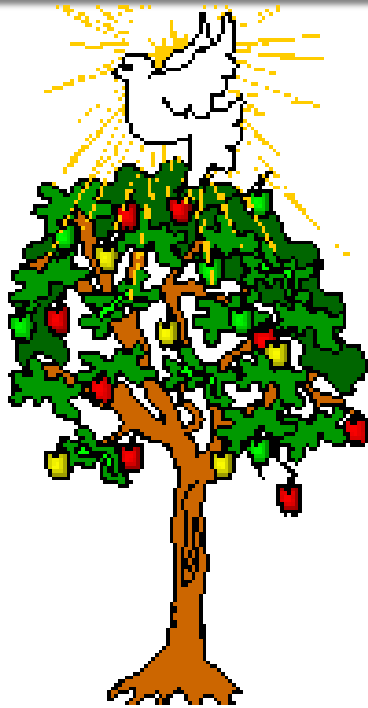


# A Tree and Its Fruit



- Jesus said: “No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit.
- Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars.
- A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart.
- For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. (Luke 6:43-45)

# Fruits of the Holy Spirit: Becoming what We were Meant to Be



Our actions and good deeds, fuel by the Power of the Holy Spirit



The Grace of God in our Heart

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

"I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes.... Ezekiel

- Hope fully you have learned many new things about the Sacrament of Confirmation, and they have served to help you to prepare and to be ready to receive the Sacrament.
- If you have already received the Sacrament of Confirmation, then it is my hope that you will understand more deeply the great gift you have received.
- Remember the Sacrament of Confirmation consecrates us and sets us apart for witness in the world. The Confirmed Christian acts officially for God and the Church, and with the Power and Strength of the Holy Spirit.
- The more you think of your Confirmation and use the power and GRACE you have received, the closer you will grow to Christ and indeed you will reach great

# The End

