

The Seven Sacraments of the Church



What is a Sacrament?



- ❑ The word sacrament comes from the Latin word “ sacramentum ” which means a sign of the sacred.
- ❑ It is a:
 - Ceremonies that point to what is sacred .
 - channels of grace.
 - They communicate the grace of God to those who receive them.
- ❑ Number of Sacraments?
 - Catholics & Orthodox Christians: seven
 - Most Protestants: only two (Bapt. & Euch.)
- ❑ Aspects of each Sacrament: •
 - Effects & Ministers
 - Biblical Basis
 - Central Words & Actions

Baptism

- **Minister:**
 - a. **Ordinary:** Bishop, priest or deacon
 - b. **Extraordinary:** any person if necessary
- **Required State:**
 - Unbaptized pagan, convert to the Christian Faith, newborn infant
- **Frequency:**
 - Only applied once
- **Effect:**
 - Removes Original and Actual sin
 - born again
 - incorporates into Christ
 - is the doorway into the Church
- **Form**

"I baptize you in the Name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
- **Matter:**
 - Water (Immersion, Infusion, or Sprinkling)



Confirmation

- **Minister:**
 - a. **Ordinary:** the Bishop:
 - b. **Extraordinary:** Priest
- **Required State:**
 - Baptized but unconfirmed
 - needed Completion of Baptismal grace
 - Baptized Christians from other traditions incorporated into the fullness of the Catholic Church
- **Frequency:**
 - Only applied once
- **Effect:**
 - Sign of consecration
 - Spiritual seal
 - completion of baptismal grace
 - Full outpouring of the Holy Spirit
- **Form:**
 - Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit."

Matter: Holy Chrism (Blessed Oil)



Holy Communion

- **Minister:**
 - The Priest
- **Required State:**
 - All Catholics are encouraged to participate
 - Baptized believers in Communion with the Catholic Church and devoid of Mortal Sin
- **Frequency:**
 - Minimum of once a year, as frequently as daily
- **Effect:**
 - Intimate union with Christ
 - removal of venial sin, spiritual strength, unites the Body into One
- **Form:** "This My Body which will be given up for you. Do this in.."
- **Matter:** Bread and Wine



Reconciliation

- **Minister:**
 - The Priest
- **Required State:**
 - Mortal Sin; desiring the Grace of Confession
 - in need of spiritual guidance
- **Frequency:**
 - Minimum of once a year; or as frequently as necessary
- **Effect:**
 - Forgiveness of serious sin, reunification with the Church, cleansing of conscience, restores grace
- **Form:**
 - “God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son..”
- **Matter:**
 - Sins; Contrition and confession; priestly words of absolution



Matrimony

- **Minister:**
 - The Spouses, with the priest or deacon as witness
- **Required State:**
 - Each spouse must be a baptized man and woman with no impediment to marriage
- **Frequency:**
 - Once and to one spouse as long as the spouse is living; again only if the spouse dies
- **Effect:**
 - The two become one flesh perpetual and exclusive covenant partners
- **Form:**
 - The "I do", by which both spouses indicate their mutual consent to the marriage covenant
- **Matter:**
 - Mutual Consent and Covenant to live together as husband and wife
 - The consummation of the Marriage



Holy Orders

- **Minister:**
 - The bishop
- **Required State:**
 - A Baptized man who has been called for ordination by God; in the Western rite, with the exception of permanent deacons, the ordained must be celibate
- **Frequency:**
 - Only once; separate ordination for Deacon, Priest, and Bishop
- **Effect:**
 - A special relationship to Christ to lead and serve the Church; indelible spiritual character imprinted on the soul
- **Form:**
 - The Bishop's "specific consecratory prayer asking God for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and his gifts proper to the ministry to which the candidate is being ordained"
- **Matter:**
 - Laying on of the Bishop's hands with the consecratory prayer



Anointing of the Sick

- **Minister:**
 - Only a Bishop or Priest
- **Required State:**
 - Seriously ill; at the point of death or before a serious operation or for the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced
- **Frequency:**
 - Repeatable; at the point of grave illnesses or before a serious operation
- **Effect:**
 - Sins forgiven; grace to face trial; spiritual preparation to die; and if God's will and physical healing
- **Form:**
 - Prayer of the Priest over the sick person for the grace of the Holy Spirit and the forgiveness of sins
- **Matter:**
 - Anointing with Holy Oil and Imposition of Hands



Thank You!

