

### **TOPIC: THE SACRAMENTS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION: CONFIRMATION**

## FAMILY AT-HOME MISSION ACTIVITY

Confirmation is the Sacrament of Christian Initiation that completes baptismal grace. A person is sealed with the Holy Spirit and strengthened by grace and spiritual gifts to spread and defend the faith and to live as a true disciple of Jesus.

**Step 1:** As a family, together, watch one or more of the videos below:

For tweens & teens & parents:

- Pentecost | Catholic Central
- CHOSEN What Happens at Confirmation
- The Sacrament of Confirmation Theo matters
- Sophia SketchPad: Confirmation

### For younger children:

- Confirmation Flame of Faith Archdiocese of Brisbane
- Blessings of the Holy Spirit Brother Francis 13
- Pentecost Explained in 3 Minutes (with puppets!)
- Who Is the Holy Spirit: Early Childhood Lesson CCC KIDS
- <u>Pentecost</u> | Storytellers
- Acts of the Apostles: What is Pentecost? | What's in the Bible?

<u>Step 2:</u> Parents find Confirmation items or sacramental(s) that they received when they were confirmed. This could be a prayer book, rosary, or crucifix/cross, stole, photos, or a picture of the saint whose name you chose for your Confirmation. Bring those items to the Week 3 gathering.

**Step 3:** Place your Paper Pentecost Candle on your home altar next to your family bible and pray a decade of the Rosary together meditating on the Third Glorious Mystery, *The Descent of the Holy Spirit*. Ask the Holy Spirit to come into your hearts!



# The Descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost

Did you know that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost is understood by the Church as the fulfillment of Christ's Passover or Paschal Mystery? See CCC, no. 731. In other words, everything that Jesus did for us in His Cross and Resurrection—in His whole life and mission—was directed toward this outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which continues in and through the Church today, especially in her sacraments. The Holy Spirit is the Third Divine Person of the Most Blessed Trinity. On the day of Pentecost, "the Holy Trinity is fully revealed" (CCC, no. 732).



### An Invitation

If you know of any baptized adults (or you yourself) who haven't received the Sacrament of Confirmation yet, invite them to speak to your pastor, PCL/DRE, or coordinator!

### Advent is Around the Corner ...

This is a perfect time to make your Family Advent Plan! Just as the apostles and other disciples gathered in prayer in the days leading up to Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit, how can your family pray and prepare for the celebration of the coming of the Christ Child into the world by the power of the Holy Spirit in union with Mother Mary's *fiat*?



