

# OTHER SYMBOLS IN CONFIRMATION

Match the two halves of the sentences ...

The gathered community	signifies that I belong to Jesus now.
The Bishop	is used to tell me that the Spirit has come to me personally to live in my heart.
The candidates (that's us!)	When I say this I am saying 'Yes, I believe!'
My sponsor	represent the whole church who will support me on my Christian journey
The Word of God	symbolises the strength I will receive to help me live as Jesus wants me to.
The Laying on of Hands	as a successor of the first disciples, he connects us with the first Pentecost
My name	accept the Holy Spirit into our lives to bring new hope and life to the world
The anointing with chrism	will present me to the bishop and will help me to understand how Jesus wants me to live.
Being sealed with the Spirit	is what I need to listen to and follow in my life.
Amen	brings the Holy Spirit deep into my heart.

## Confirmation Lesson 5

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# CONFIRMATION SYMBOLS

## HANDS



When Catholics celebrate Sacraments, we use ordinary things to symbolise what God is doing for us.

Our hands are gifts from God. They should always be used for doing good.

In this space write some ideas about the different ways we use our hands.

Jesus used his hands to heal and bless.

Read these stories from Matthews Gospel and fill in the gaps .

A man with a skin disease came up to Jesus saying, 'Lord if you are willing you can cleanse me.' Jesus stretched out his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ him saying, 'I am willing. Be cleansed.' (Ch 8 v 3)

Some blind men came up to him and he said to them, 'Do you believe I can do this?' They said, 'Lord, we do.' Then he \_\_\_\_\_ their eyes saying, 'Let it be done to you.'

And their sight returned. (Ch 9 v 29)

Peter was afraid and began to sink. 'Lord,' he cried, 'save me!' Jesus put out his \_\_\_\_\_ at once and \_\_\_\_\_ him. (Ch 14 v 31)

Jesus said, 'Leave the little children alone, and do not stop them from coming to me, for it is such as these that the kingdom of Heaven belongs. Then he laid his \_\_\_\_\_ on them and went on his way. (Ch 19 v 13)



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Read about the apostles in Acts 8: 14-17

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there and prayed for them to receive the Holy Spirit, for he hadn't come down on any of them yet, they had only been baptised in the name of Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.



This is a photo of a girl being confirmed.

Behind her is her sponsor. Look at her hand. Why do you think the sponsor does this?

Look at the Bishop's hand. What is he doing with his hand. What does this signify?

## CONFIRMATION SYMBOLS

# OIL

Oil is another important symbol in Confirmation.

In the Bible we can read about the prophets using oil to anoint God's special people. Anointing blesses and strengthens a person to carry out a special task.

Moses poured some of the oil on Aaron's head and anointed him to make him holy. (Lev 8:12)

The Lord said to Elijah: 'You shall anoint Elisha to be a prophet in your place.'

A blessed oil is called **CHRISM**.

There are 3 different oils which are used by priests and bishops to bless, strengthen and heal us.

At Confirmation you will be anointed with the Oil of Chrism. This will give you God's strength. The Holy Spirit will come deep into your heart and fill you with gifts.



The Bishop will dip his thumb in the holy oil and anoint you on the forehead with the sign of the cross.

He will say:

'(your confirmation name)... **be sealed** with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.'

You reply:

Amen