

Confirmation

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

History

- Early church
 - Baptism and Confirmation performed at the same time
- Church growth
- Times without this sacrament
- Modern sacrament

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- Gives us special strength to bear witness to our faith

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– The church is larger than that which we can see.

The Confirmation Rite

- Renewal of Baptismal Vows
- Laying on of hands
 - Prayer for the gifts
- Being sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit

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Will I feel different?

- Maybe
- Maybe not
 - All that is required is that you decide that you are willing to be confirmed and that you are ready to continue to learn and follow the lead of the Spirit in your own life

A few other items

- New names
- Sponsors for Confirmation