

# Getting Ready for My Confirmation



# Milestones in My Christian Story



## *I am Special*

Name: .....

Date of Birth: .....

Height..... Hair Colour..... Eye Colour.....

My favourite movie of all time is.....

The sport I like most is.....

My close friends are .....

I think I have a talent for.....

## *I am a member of God's family*

I became a member of the church when I was baptised on.....

at .....

My Godparents are .....

I celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on.....

at.....

I received Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time on.....

at .....when I was .....years old.

I live according to the Word of God when I .....

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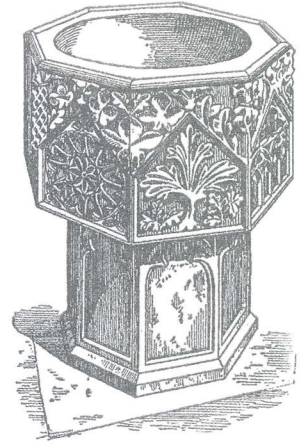
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Lord,  
Help me grow in knowledge of you and in your ways.  
Guide me Lord – You know me best.



# God First Called Me In Baptism

Let me tell you the story and meaning of my baptism



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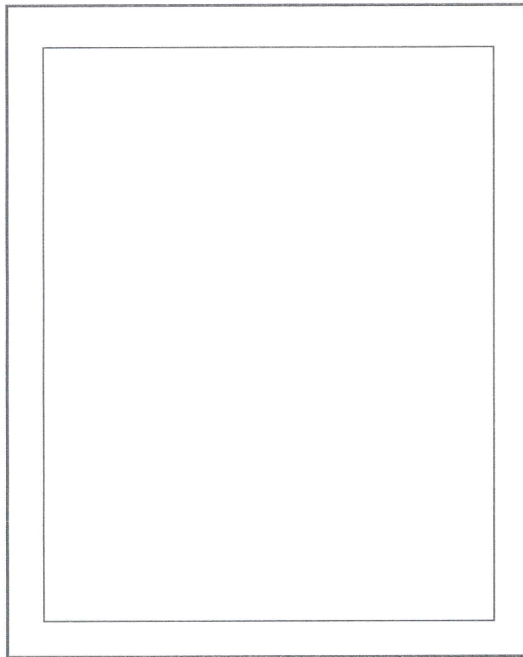
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*Lord,  
You have called me by name and made me your own.  
Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.*



## My Community

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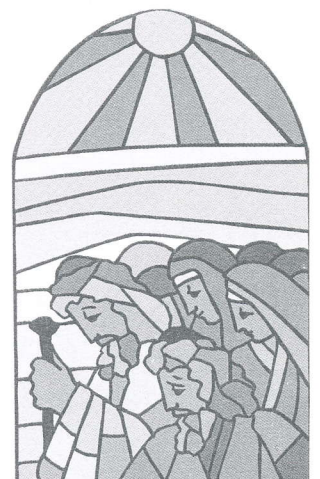
The name of my church is .....

My priest's name is .....

**What I know about my parish and community:**

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*“Whatsoever you do to the least of my people,  
that you do unto me.”  
(Matthew 25:40)*



# My God Given Talents

Lord you created me unique and special. You gave me talents that I will use and grow. Thank you Lord for my many talents. They are a special gift to me.

*Label and illustrate the gifts that are your talents in the boxes below.*

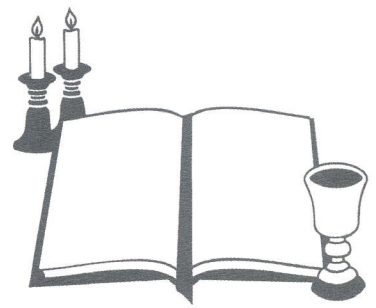
<b>Talent 1:</b> .....	<b>Talent 2:</b> .....
<b>Talent 3:</b> .....	<b>Talent 4:</b> .....
<b>Talent 5:</b> .....	<b>Talent 6:</b> .....

*Lord,  
I will give you thanks for my talents by using and growing them in Your service and in the service of others.*



# The Holy Bible

Let me share with you what my research tells me about the “Holy Bible”.



*Dear God,  
Help me listen carefully to your word at mass during the  
readings and to live by your word during the week.*



# My Bible Work

Research some of the many different ways God finds to get people's attention, and the way that individuals respond to him. Record your findings.

Genesis 12.1-4 Abram	1 Samuel 3.1-10 Samuel	Isaiah 6.1-8
Matthew 1.20-23	Luke 1.26-38	John 1.43-51

*Lord,  
Help me hear and respond to your call.*



# Jesus: His Life and Ministry

Here is a set of captioned illustrations which I think highlight some important moments in Jesus' ministry here on earth.

*Lord Jesus,  
You said, if you Love Me, Listen to My Voice. Holy Spirit,  
help me listen, to hear and live according to His Way.*



# The Laws of Man

Our Irish government make laws all the time, but why? Here are some of the important laws I know about and the purpose for the law.

<p>The law says</p>    <p>It's purpose is</p>	<p>The law says</p>    <p>It's purpose is</p>
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*Lord Jesus,  
As I live my life within the laws of man, so too,  
help me to abide by and live according to the laws of God.*



# Images of the Holy Spirit

Let me draw and describe some of the universal images of the Holy Spirit.



*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of  
Your faithful and kindle in me the fire of Your love.*



# The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Gifts of the Holy Spirit enable me to live a holy christian life.

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are:

*Heavenly Father,  
Pour down the seven fold gifts of the Spirit upon me,  
that I may more closely resemble Jesus and  
be a true witness in the world to you.*

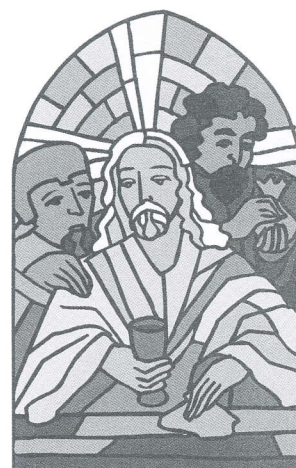


# Sacraments

Research the seven sacraments and record your findings in words and pictures in the spaces provided below.

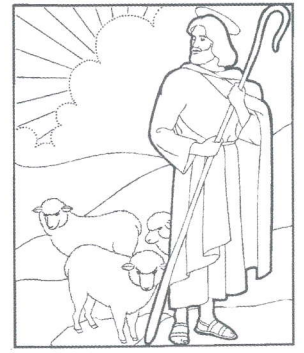
Baptism	Penance/Reconciliation
Eucharist	Confirmation
Matrimony	Holy Orders
Anointing of the Sick	

*Jesus answered,  
"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water  
and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God."*



# The Fruits of the Holy Spirit in My Life

I hope that, with the help of the Holy Spirit, my life will yield an abundance of 'Spiritual Fruits.' The nine fruits of the Spirit are:



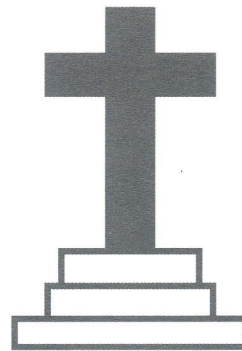
*Creator Spirit, Strengthen me your child.  
Increase in me the fruit of your Spirit:  
the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding,  
the Spirit of Love, Patience and  
Gentleness, the Spirit of Wonder and True Holiness.*



# My Confirmation Name

When I was baptised my parents gave me my name.

At Confirmation I will choose a name as a sign to everyone of the beginning of my new way of living as a follower of Christ.



Let me tell you the life story of St. ...., in my own words and pictures.

*Lord God, whatsoever you forbid me, I will renounce.  
And whatsoever you command me, in your strength I will do.  
Lead me then, O God, unto the fullness of Your truth.*



## I Am Preparing



Here are some of the occasions for which I have made preparations in the past:

This is how I am preparing for Confirmation:

*Lord,  
Help me prepare well for the coming of your Holy Spirit  
in the Sacrament of Confirmation.*



# Journeying with God through the Holy Spirit



I am journeying into a deeper relationship with God through the Holy Spirit.

<p>Who is God for me?</p>	<p>What have I learned so far?</p>
<p>What do I really believe in?</p>	<p>How do I show I am a Christian?</p>
<p>Let me tell you about the Holy Spirit.</p>	

*Holy Spirit,  
Be with me, support me and guide me in my journey  
back to God My Father.*



# The Apostles' Creed

Here is my christian faith, best expressed in the prayer  
'The Apostles' Creed', which I have written below.



*My Lord and my God, In you alone I trust.*



# The Beatitudes

They Guide. They Point. They Teach.

My Picture of The Sermon on the Mount.



1. Blessed are the .....  
meaning.....
2. Blessed are the .....  
meaning.....
3. Blessed are the .....  
meaning.....
4. Blessed are the .....  
meaning.....
5. Blessed are the .....  
meaning.....
6. Blessed are the .....  
meaning.....
7. Blessed are the .....  
meaning.....
8. Blessed are the .....  
meaning.....

*Lord Jesus, the beatitudes show me the values that  
you care about. These values, if followed, bring me peace  
and happiness on earth and into the Kingdom of God  
after my journey on earth is over.*



# The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The basic requirement for a good confession is to have the intention of returning to God like the 'Prodigal Son' and to acknowledge our sins with true sorrow before the priest.



Details of my First Confession.

My Prayer After Confession.

Picture.

Questions to ask myself during my 'Examination of Conscience'

*Lord Jesus,  
You said to your apostles 'those whose sins you shall forgive,  
they are forgiven; and those whose sins you shall retain,  
they are retained.'*



# The Parables of Jesus

Jesus used simple word-pictures, called parables, to help us understand who God is and what His Kingdom is like. These word-pictures challenge us to discover anew what God is like and move our hearts to make a response to God's love and truth. His parables are like buried treasure waiting to be discovered.

*EXERCISE: Research the parables of Jesus in the Bible.*

Here I will illustrate and summarise the message of my favourite parable:

*"He began to teach them many things in parables."  
(Mark 4:2)*



# The Parables of Jesus

The parables of Jesus embody much of his most important teachings. They are his memorable stories, often with humble imagery, each with a single message.

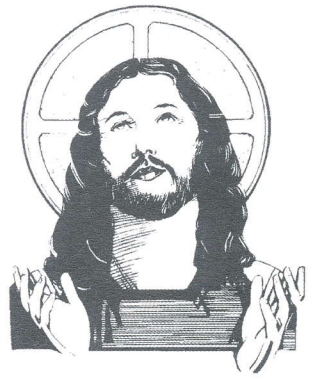


In the space below illustrate and state the message of two further parables.

*“Lord,  
No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar or  
under a bushel, but on a stand, that those who enter  
may see the light.” (Mark 4:2)*



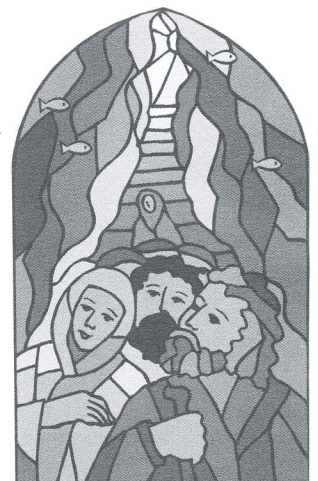
# The Story of Pentecost



Let me tell you the story and meaning of Pentecost in my own words and pictures.



*The Holy Spirit is the very power of God within me.*



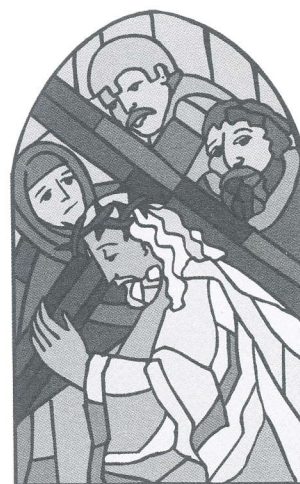
# The Stations of the Cross

The 'Stations of the Cross' bring me closer to Christ as I meditate on the great love He showed for me in His most sorrowful passion.

I will visit my church and spend a little time at each of the 14 stations, thinking about Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Here are my drawn images and titles for the 14 stations.

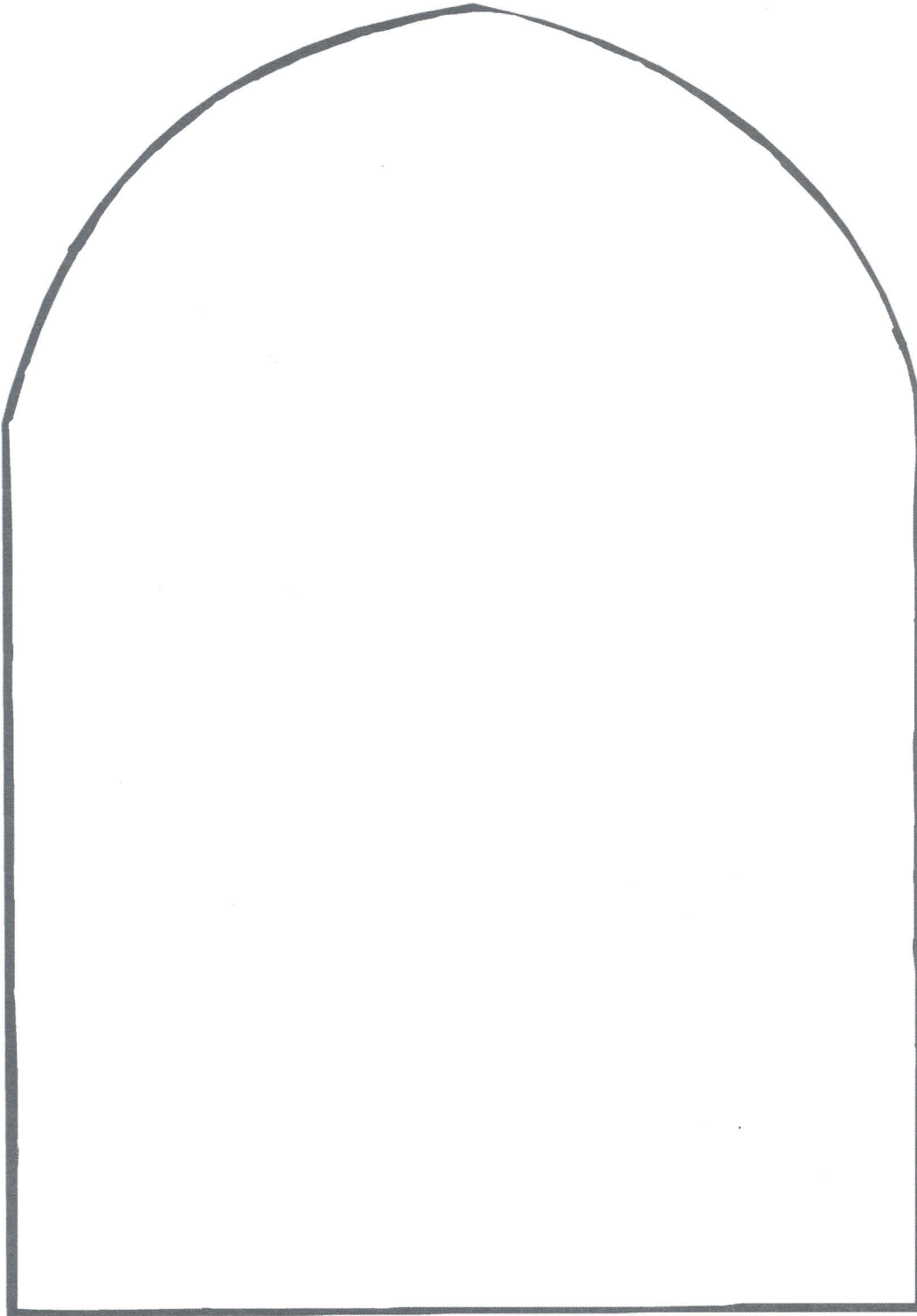
*Lord Jesus, by your cross, death and resurrection,  
you have set us free.*



# A Stained Glass Window

Stained glass windows are a feature of many churches.

Here is my personal stained glass window showing the coming of the 'Holy Spirit' to me in Confirmation.



*"The Lord will hear when I call unto Him."  
Psalm 4:3*



# Images of the Holy Spirit

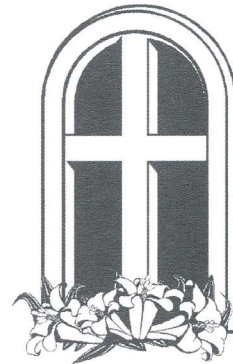
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# My Confirmation Prayers

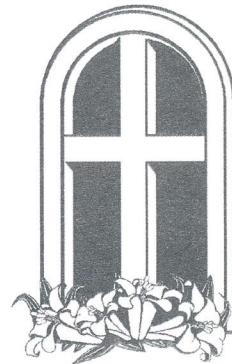


*Confirmed in Christ  
.... and this how I know that He lives in me.  
I know it by the Spirit He gave me.*



# The Holy Rosary

The Holy Rosary is composed of twenty decades.  
Each decade is recited in honour of a Mystery in Our Lord's Life  
and that of His Blessed Mother.



## The Joyful Mysteries

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

## The Sorrowful Mysteries

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

## The Mysteries of Light

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- 2.
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## The Glorious Mysteries

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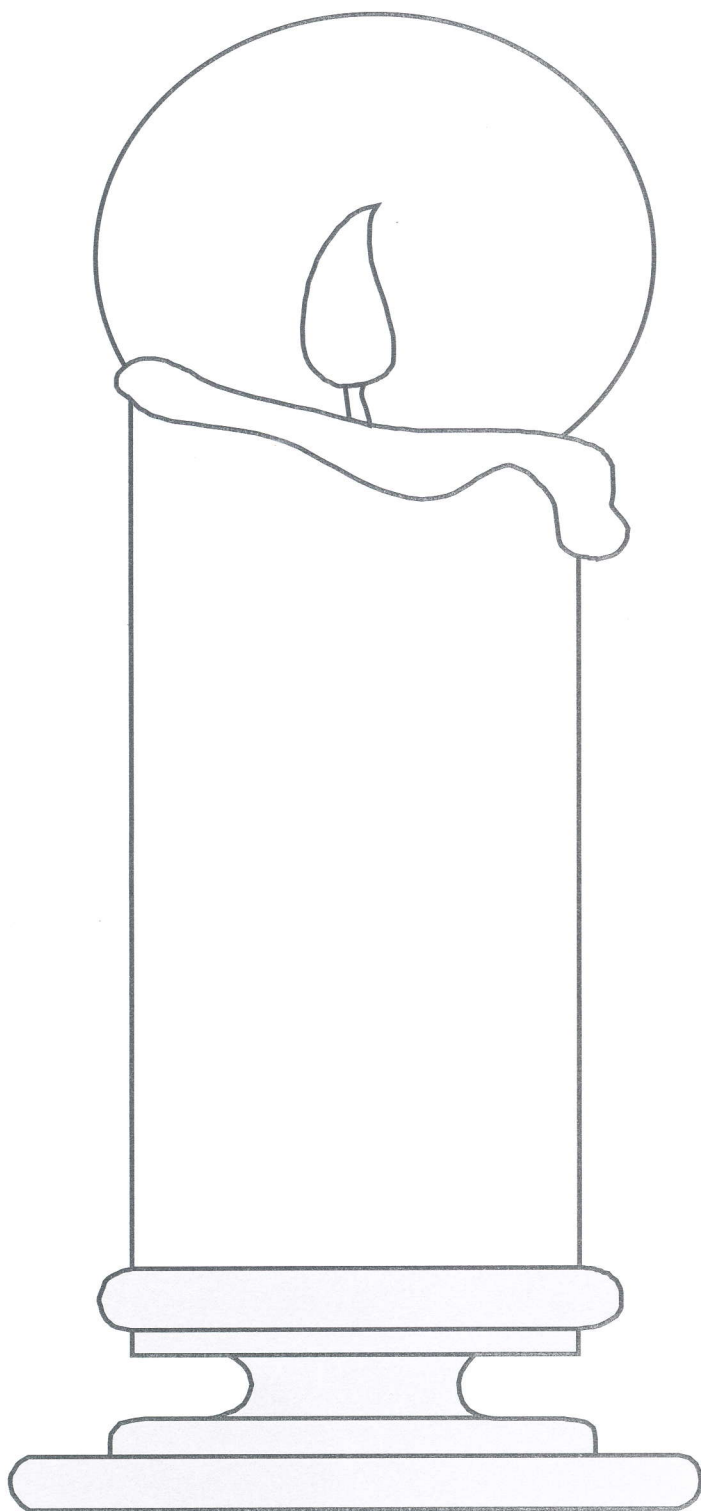
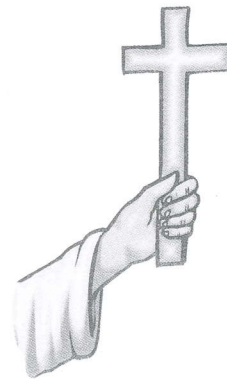


*O My Jesus,  
Forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell;  
lead all souls to Heaven especially those  
who are most in need of Thy Mercy.*



# The Light of Christ

Decorate the candle below and explain what is meant by  
'The Light of Christ.'



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*Father,  
Let Your radiant light dawn in my life that I may walk  
in the light of Your law, with You as my leader.*



# My Confirmation Sponsors

The role of my sponsors is to spiritually walk with me during my preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Here below are biographies of my sponsors, the reasons I chose these people and my expectations of the role.

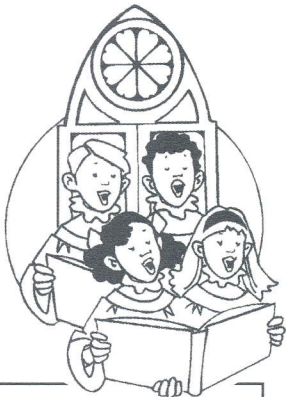


*.....Confirmed by the gift of the Spirit,  
that they give witness to Christ by lives  
built on faith and love....*

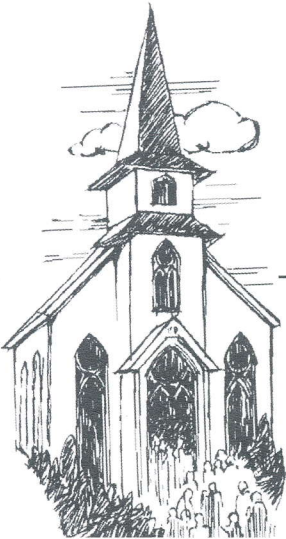


# My Confirmation Ceremony

These are the 6 important stages of the Ceremony of Confirmation:



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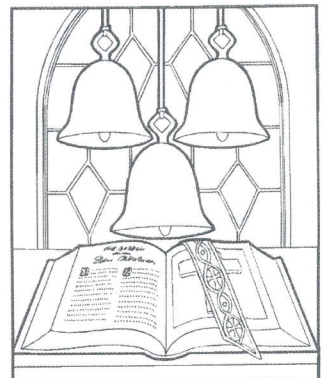


# My Confirmation Class Photograph

*“And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.” (Ac.2:2-3)*



*“You shall receive power when the ‘Holy Spirit’  
has come upon you and you shall be witnesses to Me,  
yes to the ends of the earth.”*



# Living a 'Spirit' Filled Life

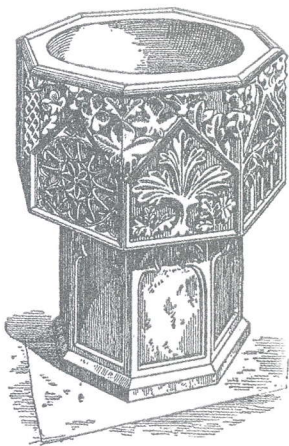
The pictures below illustrate the 'Holy Spirit' at work in my daily life.

*Holy Spirit,  
Please help me to live as Jesus  
has called me to live on a daily basis.*



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Let me tell you the story and meaning of my baptism



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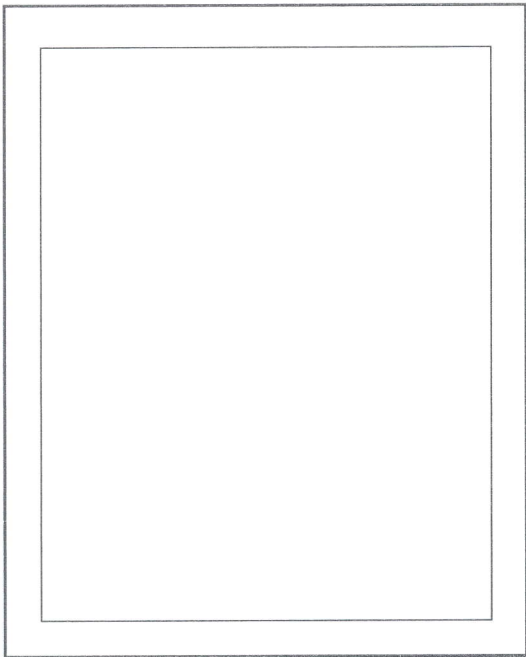
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*Lord,  
You have called me by name and made me your own.  
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*'Getting Ready for My Confirmation' is a workbook into which each child preparing for the sacrament of confirmation will record his/her own thoughts, ideas, understandings and responses, in relation to God, friends, family and the wider community, as they prepare to receive the sacrament of confirmation.*

*It is essentially a compilation of each child's own musings, writings, drawings, illustrations and photographs.*

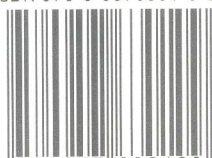
*It is a repository of their reflections and memories as they journey towards receiving confirmation.*

*It will certainly be a unique and treasured personal keepsake for each child.*



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