



Diocese of Allentown
The Bishop's Confirmation Questions
(From the Basic Catechism)

The following questions come directly from the Bishop's Office.

1. WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

Bishop, Confirmation is the Sacrament in which the Holy Spirit comes to us in a special way to join us more closely to Jesus and His church and to seal and strengthen us as Christ's witnesses.

2. WHAT ARE SACRAMENTS?

Bishop, The Sacraments are sacred signs through which Jesus gives us His Spirit and makes us holy and pleasing to Him by grace.

3. HOW MANY SACRAMENTS ARE THERE?

Bishop, There are seven sacraments.

4. WHAT ARE THE NAMES OF THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS?

Bishop, the seven sacraments are: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Penance, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders and Matrimony.

Mrs. Ely Notes: Candidates must know these in order. They are not in the order that you receive them, but instead they are in the order of 1) Sacraments of Initiation, 2) Sacraments of Healing, 3) Sacraments in Communion of Service)

5. HOW IS CONFIRMATION GIVEN?

Bishop, The bishop extends his hands over the person and anoints the forehead in the form of a cross while saying:

Bishop: "_____ Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."
Confirmation name is said

Candidate answers: "Amen"

Bishop: "Peace be with you"

Candidate answers: "And with your spirit."

6. WHAT IS CHRISM?

Bishop, Chrism is a mixture of oil and balm used during the baptismal ceremony, in Confirmation, during the ordination of priests and bishops, and in the consecration of churches, altars, and other things.

7. WHO IS THE ORDINARY MINISTER OF CONFIRMATION?

Bishop, The Bishop is the ordinary minister of Confirmation.

8. WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS OF CONFIRMATION?

Bishop, The effects of Confirmation are:

- 1) An increase of sanctifying grace
- 2) The gift of a special sacramental grace and the
- 3) Imprint of lasting character on the soul.

9. WHAT ARE THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Bishop, the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are: Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgment, Knowledge, Courage, Reverence and Wonder & Awe

(Mrs. Ely's notes - remember WURK-CRW)