

FOCUS QUESTIONS

- 1) What motivated the Apostles to begin carrying out the mission that Christ had given them?
- 2) Why is Baptism an initiation?
- 3) What are goals of the Christian journey, and where are they realized?
- 4) Why is there more than one sacrament?
- 5) How do the gifts of the Holy Spirit given in Confirmation help us in the Christian life?
- 6) What particular virtue is a person given in the Sacrament of Confirmation?
- 7) In the Old Testament, what is the relationship between the words anointed? christ? and messiah?
- 8) What did it mean in the Old Testament to be called anointed?
- 9) What special Messiah did the prophets foretell?
- 10) What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit that the Messiah would receive?
- 11) When do we see this prophecy fulfilled?
- 12) Who else was to receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit?
- 13) Who was with the Apostles when the Holy Spirit descended upon them?
- 14) How are the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation linked from the very beginning?
- 15) What was the effect of the Apostles' preaching on the day of Pentecost?
- 16) How do we know from the Acts of the Apostles that Baptism and Confirmation are separate sacraments?
- 17) Why is Confirmation called the Sacrament of Fullness?
- 18) Why are Baptism and Confirmation called the double sacrament?
- 19) When is Confirmation administered today?
- 20) In the Latin Rite, why is the Sacrament of Confirmation administered by a bishop?
- 21) What were some of the spectacular manifestations of the Sacrament of Confirmation in the early Church?
- 22) How does the Holy Spirit adapt himself to the needs of various times and individuals?
- 23) What is the relationship between the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Cross?
- 24) Is Confirmation necessary for salvation?
- 25) What is the form of Confirmation in the ordinary form of the Latin Rite?
- 26) Who is the ordinary minister of Confirmation in the Latin Rite?
- 27) Who is the extraordinary minister of Confirmation in the Latin Rite?
- 28) How do the Eastern Rites maintain unity with the bishop in administering Confirmation?
- 29) Why is it appropriate that the confirmand's sponsor be one of his or her godparents?
- 30) Why does the Confirmation ceremony in the Latin Rite include the renewal of Baptismal promises and the Profession of Faith?

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- 31) In what three specific roles or offices of Christ are we called to participate in by reason of our anointing in Confirmation?
- 32) How do we carry out our kingly vocation?
- 33) How do we come to understand our role or vocation in the life of the Church?
- 34) What is the ministerial priesthood?
- 35) What is the primary sacrifice celebrated by the ministerial priesthood?
- 36) What sacrifices is offered by every Christian in the exercise of their priestly mission in the Church?
- 37) When is the best time to make these offerings?
- 38) How do lay persons carry out their prophetic role in the Church?
- 39) What are the minimum requirements for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation?
- 40) What is the effect of receiving Confirmation in a state of mortal sin?
- 41) How would one repair the problem of having received Confirmation in a state of mortal sin?
- 42) What is the usual age of Confirmation in the United States?
- 43) Why is it deferred until high school?
- 44) What are two excellent ways to prepare for Confirmation in addition to parish preparation programs?