

# A Pastor's Perspective

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Are you someone – or do you know someone – who is a baptized Catholic (15 years or older) who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Do you/they desire to share in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit? The Sacrament of Confirmation completes our initiation (begun at baptism) into the fullness of the life of the Body of Christ, the Church. Through the laying on of hands and anointing with the oil of holy chrism, the confirmand is sealed with the seven-fold gift of the Holy Spirit (i.e., knowledge, understanding, wisdom, counsel, courage, piety, and fear of the Lord). In other words, this grace conforms us to be more like Jesus Christ himself, empowered by the Holy Spirit to live and fulfill our vocation in the Church and world.

*Please join us for a special series of classes on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30.*

*Location: St. John Church Hall,  
217 York St., Bangor*

*Beginning July 21, 2021/ending September 15, 2021*

Presentations will include discussions about (1) the search for happiness; (2) the divine person of Jesus Christ; (3) the community of the Church; (4) the sacraments of initiation: baptism, Eucharist & confirmation; (5) the sacraments of forgiveness and healing; the sacraments of Christian vocation (marriage and priesthood); (6) the social teaching of the Church.

For more information or to register for the class, please email our seminarian intern, Matthew Valles at: [Matthew.Valles@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:Matthew.Valles@portlanddiocese.org) or call him at the parish office at 217-6740.

And so we pray: *“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and we shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth.”*

*Peace and blessings,*

*Msgr. Andrew*