



the Parish of St. Dunstan

A CHILDREN'S CATECHISM TO ECHO GOD'S LOVE IN THE WORLD

PART II: Our Church

Lesson 24: Confirmation

This is the prayer we use to begin our church service:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

I wonder what **Confirmation** is.

1 Confirmation is saying **yes** again



At **Baptism** we become Followers of Jesus.

At **Confirmation** we tell everyone about it and become responsible for following Jesus.

The Bishop (a leader of the Followers of Jesus) asks each person:

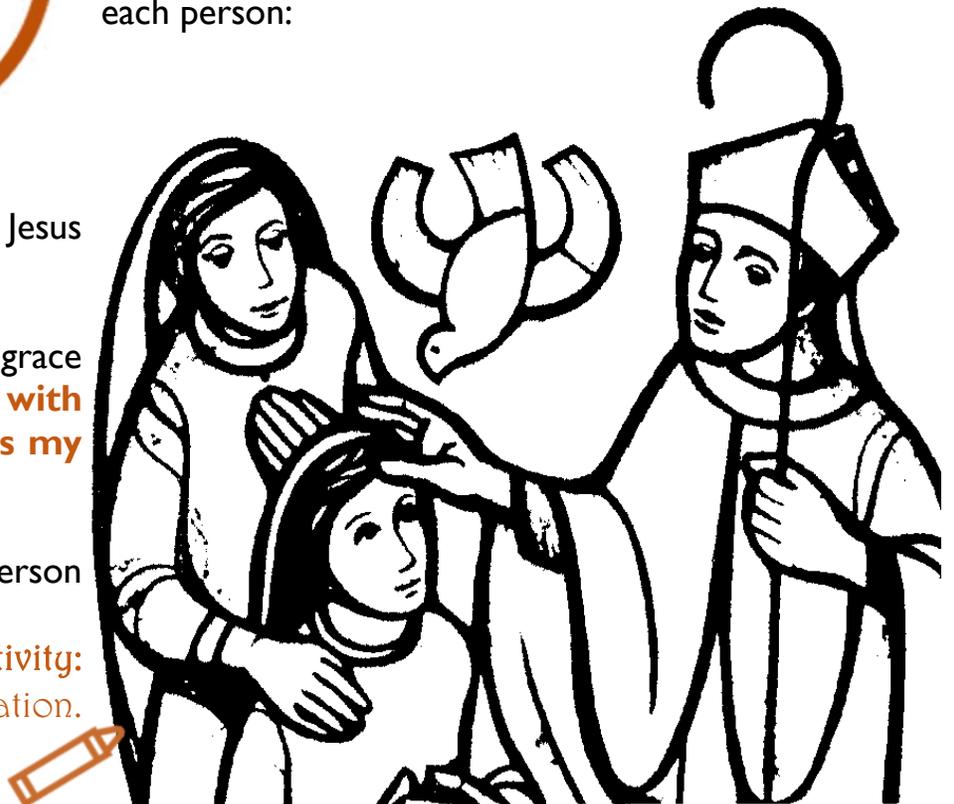
Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ? *The people say, **I do.***

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? *The people say, **I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Saviour and Lord.***

Then the Bishop lays hands on the person and prays.

Activity:

Color the picture of the Confirmation.

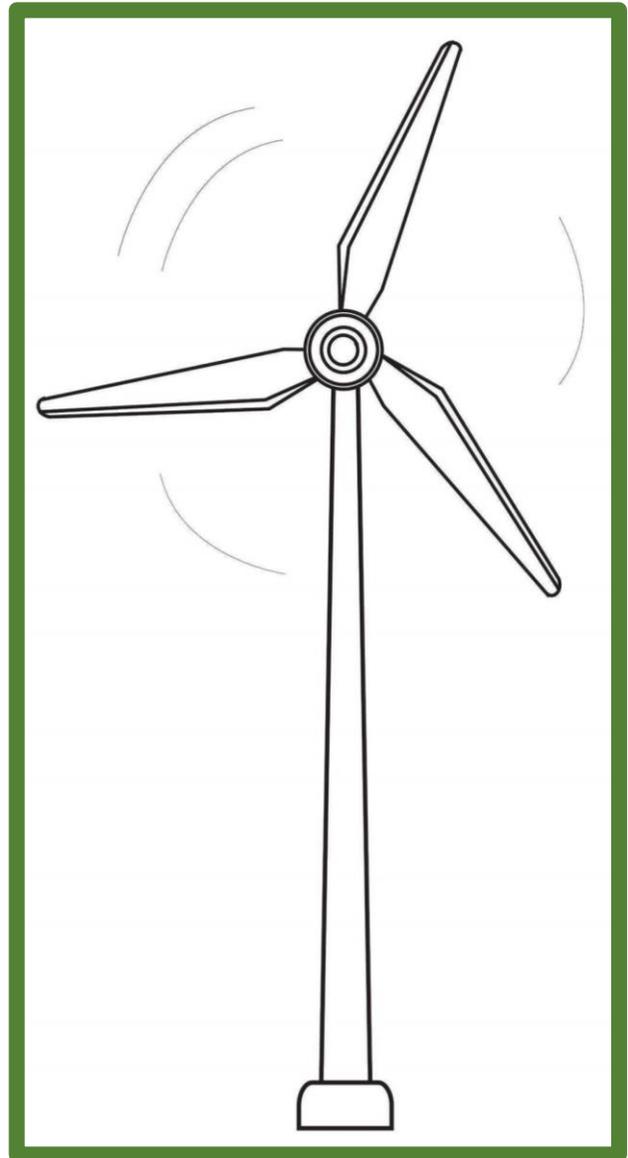


2 Confirmation is about the Spirit

At confirmation we receive the renewable and sustainable energy of God: **The Holy Spirit**. God's **Spirit** is the energy and love of God that inspires us to follow Jesus and be friends and helpers of the world.

At confirmation, the Bishop prays, Strengthen, O Lord, your servant with your **Holy Spirit**; empower them for your service; and sustain them all the days of their life. Amen.

Activity:
colour this symbol of the Holy Spirit: God's renewable and sustainable energy of love.



3 Confirmation is getting to work

When we are confirmed we are given **responsibility** to follow Jesus. Here are some ways to show that you are being a **responsible** Follower of Jesus.

- ☞ Read the stories of Jesus in the Bible
- ☞ Go to church and take Holy Eucharist
- ☞ Pray for the world
- ☞ Learn the Lord's Prayer
- ☞ Help people who are hungry
- ☞ Visit people who are lonely
- ☞ Say "Stop!" when people are bullied
- ☞ Say your sorry when you hurt someone.

Activity: Think of another way you can show you are a responsible Follower of Jesus.