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Lesson nr. 2 – Tuesday, March 9, 2021 – Homework 1

Dear Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation Class Students,

The Preparation Process toward the Sacrament of Confirmation takes a significant amount of time. As Catholics of the Western (Roman) Rite, our Church encourages the Baptism of Infants, and right after allows some time (usually up to the Age of Discretion or Reason – 7 Years Old) to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Eucharist, followed by the Sacrament of Confirmation. Three Sacraments of Christian Initiation are the rites of the Church that form an initial platform for a fruitful, spirit-filled Christian Life.

We call these the Sacraments of Christian Initiation. A fully initiated Catholic Christian is: “ Freed from sin, given a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed into Holy People(...). As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and Kind, so we may live always as a members of His body, sharing everlasting life” – Rite of Baptism.

Please, check page 33 of Our Textbook, and identify the following vocabulary:

Sanctifying Grace:

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Paraclete:

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Advocate:

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Fulfillment of the OT Prophecies in the person of Jesus Christ:

- a) Please identify the following verses of the Old Testament: Isaiah 6:1 and Isaiah 11:2
- b) Please identify the following verses of the New Testament: Matthew 1:18 and Matthew 3: 13 – 17.

Here's a list of the top 7 symbols that have been frequently connected to the Holy Spirit.

- 1 **The dove.** One of the most familiar images of the spirit is a dove. There is a well-known bible passage/biblical event associated with this symbol found in Matthew 3:16, "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him."
- 2 **Water.** Water holds a lot of symbolic value, during Baptism where the Holy Spirit is present, we are reborn.
- 3 **Fire.** At Pentecost it revealed itself in this form, transforming the disciples that were present.
- 4 **Anointing Oil.** We are anointed with oil just as Christ was anointed with the Holy Spirit's presence. The oil serves as both a symbol and a reminder of the Holy Spirit.
- 5 **Cloud and Light.** In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit worked through clouds and light to reveal or obscure God's messages.
- 6 **The Seal.** The Holy Spirit prepares the heart and mind to be in perfect harmony with Jesus by placing a seal, which is a permanent mark on our souls.
- 7 **The Hand.** Where hands are laid in order to heal it is said to be the Holy Spirit that is the healing agent.