

**B**efore ascending into Heaven, Christ instituted a Sacrament through which the Holy Ghost comes to us in a special way and enables us to profess our Faith as strong and perfect Christians and soldiers of Jesus Christ. That is the **Sacrament of Confirmation**: it is so called because it confirms and strengthens us in the Faith. The Acts relates two incidents of the Apostles administering this Sacrament.

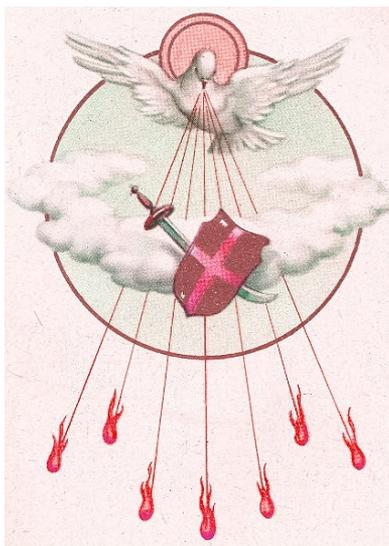
**“When the apostles in Jerusalem,”** Acts says, **“heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John. On their arrival, they prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost for, as yet, He had not come upon any of them, but they had only been baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus.”** (8:14-16)

**E**qually explicit is the second case related in Acts: **“On hearing this, they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus; and when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they began to speak in tongues and to prophesy.”** (19:5-6)

**W**hat a pity it is for a person seeking to advance in holiness not to go to the Holy Spirit, the source of holiness, light, strength and consolation! Pray to the Holy Ghost and He will multiply His holy inspirations in your soul; He will pour His gifts into it and He will take up His dwelling within you. (Pause and reflect)

### **RESOLUTION:**

***I shall cultivate a special devotion to the Holy Ghost and come to Him for light to know my duty and strength to fulfill it. Every day, I shall say some prayers in His honor.***



### **Prayers to The Holy Ghost For Light and Love**

**Ant.** Come, O Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Thy Love. Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

#### **LET US PRAY**

**O** God, Who hast taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the Gift of the same Spirit we may be always truly wise, and ever rejoice in His consolations, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

### **Short Act of Consecration**

**O** Holy Spirit of God, take me as Thy disciple: Guide me, illuminate me, sanctify me. Bind my hands that they may do no evil; cover my eyes that they may see it no more; sanctify my heart that evil may not dwell within me. Be Thou my God; be Thou my guide. Withersoever Thou leadest me, I will go; whatsoever

Thou forbiddest me, I will renounce;  
and whatsoever Thou commandest  
me in Thy strength, I will do. Lead me,  
then, unto the fullness of Thy truth.  
Amen.

### **Warm My Heart,**

Spirit of Love and of Light, Third  
Person of the most happy Trinity, One  
God with the Father and the Son in  
all eternity, behold Your Jesus within  
my heart, and possess me utterly for  
the sake of this divine and most dear  
Guest. Warm my cold heart with the  
flames of pure love, cleanse me of  
every stain, make my soul beautiful  
with every virtue that I may be less  
unworthy to be the tabernacle of  
this august Sacrament.

What can You refuse me, my God,  
Who hast given me the most precious  
of all gifts? I ask with the greatest  
confidence, for every grace and  
blessing for myself, for all who are  
mine, for Thy holy Church, for all  
the faithful and for all mankind. I  
grieve with deep contrition for all  
the sins and infidelities of which I  
have been guilty toward Thy Divine  
Majesty and for the sins of the  
whole universe.

In atonement, I offer to Thee this  
spotless Victim whom I possess  
through Thy kind love. I desire to par-  
take in all the merits of the Saints,  
in the praise of all the Angels, in the  
good works of all the holy souls on  
earth, and to offer them all to Thee  
in thanksgiving and supplication, in  
union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus.  
Thus, may I deserve most Holy Spirit,  
to live forever with Thee in the peace  
and happiness of that heavenly  
Home where Thee, with the Father  
and the Son, are the delight of all the  
Blessed, One God, world without end.  
Amen.

## **FOR WISDOM AND TRUTH**

Holy Spirit of Truth, Lord of Light,  
have mercy, we beg of Thee, upon  
all the blind of heart. Their souls,  
dear Spirit of Love, are overcast and  
clouded with self-sufficiency and  
pride or blinded by the allurements  
of this world. They have forgotten  
Thy judgments, have wandered far  
from the way of Thy Commandments,  
have despised and rejected Thy graces;  
and now their conscience, grown  
dull and hard, no longer gives them  
warning of the danger to their soul.

Have pity, dear Lord, and forget the  
many times they have abused Thy  
graces, refused Thy consolations  
and Thy Divine Majesty by their  
sins. Stir them once more, by Thy  
almighty power, out of the sleep of  
indifference and sin. Bid the scales  
fall from the eyes of their souls, as  
of old they fell from the eyes of  
Saul, the persecutor of Thy people,  
when he became Paul, the Apostle  
of the Gentiles, full of Thy Spirit of  
Wisdom and of Truth.

Through the intercession of that  
mighty Apostle, who has known what  
it means to be blind of heart and has  
experienced in his own person the  
power of the Holy Spirit, help all the  
blind of heart. And, as we ourselves  
share, alas, to some degree, in this  
blindness of soul, open our eyes also,  
to see and to realize what we now  
know and believe, so that we may  
put off all sin and affection to sin  
and may serve God faithfully with a  
loving heart. Amen.

