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# SYMBOLIC ACTIONS DURING CONFIRMATION



## LAYING ON OF HANDS

The bishop places his hands above the head of the candidates and prays that the Holy Spirit will fill the lives of these children.

Through this gesture the bishop is asking for the Holy Spirit to come upon the candidate.

## ANOINTING WITH SACRED CHRISM

The anointing of the candidate at Confirmation recognises that they are sealed with the Holy Spirit.

The bishop anoints the candidate's forehead with the Oil of Chrism, naming them and saying 'Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit'.



## SIGN OF PEACE

After this, the bishop puts his hand on the side of the candidate's face and says 'Peace be with you' and the candidate replies 'And with your spirit', symbolising the candidate's place within the Church community.

