

ness to the extreme eagerness of the English in Queen Mary's reign to receive Confirmation, stating that it was more observed in England than in any nation; and nearly a century later Bishop Joseph Hall testifies to a similar eagerness: "It cannot be spoken," he says, "with what fervour and violence people were wont to come to me for this sacred ceremony;" and at the same time he expresses his own faith in the grace of Confirmation.

In the **XVIIth Century** Peter Mogilas, Metropolitan of Kieff, wrote: "As by Baptism we are regenerate, so by this holy unction (or Confirmation) we become partakers of the Holy Spirit." Dr. South says: "I look upon Confirmation as a completion of Baptism in such as outlive their childhood."

In the **XVIIIth Century** the saintly Bishop Wilson, addressing candidates, says of the effect of Confirmation: "It is to convey the inestimable blessing of the Holy Spirit of God by prayer and the imposition of hands of God's minister that He may dwell in you and keep you from the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Confirmation is the perfection of Baptism. The Holy Ghost descends invisibly upon such as are rightly prepared to receive such a blessing, as at the first He came visibly upon those that had been baptized. By the imposition of the hands of God's minister