

## CATECHISM OF CONFIRMATION.

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**Q.** What is Confirmation ?

**A.** Confirmation is a sacrament, which gives us the Holy Ghost with the abundance of his graces.

**Q.** Why is the Holy Ghost given to us in Confirmation ?

**A.** To strengthen us to resist the visible and invisible enemies of our salvation.

**Q.** Why is this sacrament called Confirmation ?

**A.** Because it fortifies and strengthens us in the profession of the faith of Jesus Christ, and of the maxims of his gospel.

**Q.** Is Confirmation absolutely necessary for salvation ?

**A.** It is not. But to despise it, or not to receive it, through any gross neglect, is a mortal sin.

**Q.** Why so ?

**A.** Because whoever neglects to receive it when he has it in his power, voluntarily deprives himself of that abundance of graces which are given in this sacrament and which are greatly conducive to salvation.

**Q.** Who are they who despise or neglect to receive this sacrament ?

**A.** They who are not willing to dispose themselves to receive it when an opportunity offers.

**Q.** At what age is it customary to confer this sacrament ?