

6. How is that a reason?

Because it is right that none should be admitted to their full rights before they have acknowledged the bishop as their pastor, and that they should be taught that he is such, by receiving their full privileges from him.

7. How does confirmation put a seal upon our profession as Christians?

(1.) Because the bishop signifies that God accepts our profession, and will help us to abide by it.

(2.) Because we then more solemnly repeat and confirm our profession.

8. How does this apply more particularly to those who were baptized in their infancy?

Their profession was then made for them by their godfathers and godmothers, and they now renew it and confirm it with their own mouths.

9. How does confirmation assure us of fuller help from the Holy Spirit?

(1.) The bishop and congregation pray for the Holy Spirit to help us more for the future.

(2.) The bishop, on God's part, lays his hand on our heads, to assure us that the Holy Ghost will then specially help us.

SECTION II.

1. What is expressly required by the Church, of persons to be confirmed?

(1.) That they have been baptized, and are come to years of discretion.