

voice of the great St. Ambrose: "Recollect how thou didst receive the spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and the spirit of holy fear, and keep what thou hast received. God the Father sealed thee, Christ the Lord confirmed thee, and gave the earnest of His Spirit in thy heart."

Theodoret (**Vth Century**, A. D. 420) writes: "Those who have believed submit to divine baptism, and by the priestly hand receive the grace of the Holy Spirit."

St. Gregory the Great (**Vth Century**, A. D. 590) preaching to Bishops, says: "By us (the Bishops) indeed the faithful come to Holy Baptism, by our prayers are they blessed, and by the laying on of our hands they receive the Holy Ghost from God."

Amid the darkness which soon after closed around the Western Empire a gleam of faith shines out from the little island of Lindisfarne on the coast of Durham, England. "Crowds," writes the venerable Bede, "surrounding the man of God, St. Cuthbert (**VIIth Century**, A. D. 680), he preached to them for two days, and then by the laying on of hands ministered to the newly regenerate in Christ the grace of the Holy Spirit." About the same time Archbishop Theodore, of Canterbury, writes: "We believe that none is perfect in Baptism with-