

Q. Do you mean that the Holy Ghost in His sevenfold gift of fulness is the gift of God in Confirmation?

A. Yes; that is what the bishop prays for, and the Church would not tell the bishop to pray for what was not expected to be given.

Q. If a person, then, refuses to be confirmed by the laying on of the bishop's hands, is there a danger that the gift may not be received?

A. Yes; for we cannot invent means of grace, other than those we read of in the Bible.

Q. Is Confirmation, then, the only means of receiving this great gift?

A. It is the means appointed.

Q. Will the Holy Ghost come in no other way?

A. We have no right to say this; for "the wind bloweth where it listeth" (St. John iii, 8), and we may not limit God's power or will. But this is the means appointed, and therefore safe; we are not *sure* of receiving the gift in any other way. It is the duty and privilege of all baptized persons to be confirmed by the laying on of the bishop's hands, when they have the opportunity.

THANKS BE UNTO GOD FOR HIS UNSPEAKABLE
GIFT.

(II Cor. ix, 15).