**Catechism of the Catholic Church**

**Confirmation in the economy of salvation – Laying on of Hands**

**[1288](javascript:openWindow('cr/1288.htm');)** "From that time on the apostles, in fulfilment of Christ's will, imparted to the newly baptized by the laying on of hands the gift of the Spirit that completes the grace of Baptism. For this reason in the *Letter to the Hebrews* the doctrine concerning Baptism and the laying on of hands is listed among the first elements of Christian instruction. The imposition of hands is rightly recognized by the Catholic tradition as the origin of the sacrament of Confirmation, which in a certain way perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church.

**Resource**

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