

The Seven Sacraments

1. Baptism - Received by infants or adults who desire to be baptized. Given by a priest or a deacon. Cleanses the soul of Original Sin and incorporates one into the Church. Received once.
2. Holy Communion - Received by baptized people in good standing with the Church. Consecrated by a priest or bishop, distributed by a bishop, priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister. Deepens our union with Christ and the Church.
3. Confirmation - Received by baptized people who wish to be confirmed. Given by a bishop. Fully brings one into the Church, helps one encounter the Holy Spirit more deeply. Received once.
4. Reconciliation - Received by any baptized person who has committed sin and is sorry. Given by a priest or bishop. Forgives sin and reconciles one with God and the Church.
5. Anointing of the Sick - Received by people whose health is impaired by sickness or old age. Given by a priest or bishop. Brings healing, forgiveness of sin.
6. Holy Matrimony - Received by any baptized man and woman who are free and willing to marry. Given by the bride and groom with a priest or deacon as witness. Unites husband and wife, makes them a sign of God's love for his people.
7. Holy Orders - Received by mature men who have completed Christian initiation, wish to be ordained, and have been accepted as candidates. Given by a bishop. Configures the recipient to Christ, confers special graces, enables the recipient to preach, teach, and sanctify the people. Received once.