

Name _____ Date _____

Handout 4-A

Bible Activity: Holy Spirit Readings

1. Read the passages and select one in each group that particularly speaks to you about the nature of the Holy Spirit. Explain why it does.

Old Testament	
Isaiah 11:1-4a	
Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9	
Ezekiel 36:24-28	
Joel 2:23a, 26-27	
Gospels	
Matthew 5:1-12a	
Luke 4:16-22a	
John 14:15-17	
John 16:5b-7, 12-13a	
New Testament Acts and Letters	
Acts 1:3-8	
Acts 8:1, 4, 14-17	
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8	
Romans 8:14-17	

2. Write a paragraph, based on these readings, that explains what the Holy Spirit means to you.

Name _____ Date _____

Handout 4-B

Small-Group Discussion: Confirmation—Baptism, Confirmation East and West

Answer the following questions in conversation with other small group members and then put your group's answers on your own handout.

1. Use the space below to describe how Baptism and Confirmation are related. Then discuss your answer within your small group. Develop a group answer that clearly reflects what you have learned from the text and from one another.

2. As you compare and contrast the celebration of Confirmation in the Eastern and Western Catholic Churches, what do you think are the strengths of each approach? What might be possible weaknesses of each approach?

Name _____ Date _____

Handout 4-C

Chapter 4 SAT Practice: Critical Reading

Read Section 1, "Understanding the Sacrament of Confirmation" (pages 110–114). Then indicate the correct answer to each question.

_____ 1. What is another name for the Holy Spirit?

- A. Advocate
- B. Son of God
- C. Confirmandi
- D. Messiah

_____ 2. What is the Sacrament of Confirmation called in the Eastern Church?

- A. Confirmandi
- B. Myron
- C. Chrismation
- D. Laying on of Hands

_____ 3. From the time of Pentecost, how did the Apostles impart the gift of the Holy Spirit on the newly baptized?

- A. Pouring blessed water over them
- B. Laying on of hands
- C. Anointing with Chrism
- D. Putting tongues of fire over their heads

_____ 4. In the earliest centuries of the Church, Confirmation was generally part of one single celebration with _____.

- A. Christmas
- B. Penance and Reconciliation
- C. Eucharist
- D. Baptism

_____ 5. In the Old Testament, which of the following objects and people were NOT anointed?

- A. The Ark of the Covenant
- B. The tent of meeting
- C. Priests and kings
- D. Animals

Name _____ Date _____

Handout 4-D

Research Activity:

Diocese

You may find out some of this information from doing a search for the diocese/archdiocese. (See "directory" on some websites.)

1. Using the Internet, a Catholic almanac, or the *Official Catholic Directory*, find out about the bishop/archbishop of the diocese/archdiocese, where he is from, and when he was assigned to your diocese/archdiocese.

What I learned about my bishop:

2. Find out the answers to these questions:

- How many Catholics are in the diocese? Of the number of people in the diocese, what percentage are Catholic?
- How many parishes are in the diocese?
- How many Catholic schools are in the diocese? How many students do the schools serve?
- What is the name of the cathedral (church of the bishop) and where is the cathedral located?
- Which parish is farthest away from the cathedral? How far is it?
- What are other interesting pieces of information that you learned about your diocese?