The order of Confirmation, or laying on of hands upon children baptized, and able to render an account of their faith, according to the Catechism following.

To the end that Confirmation may be ministered to the more edifying of such as shall receive it (according to St. Paul's doctrine, who teacheth that all things should be done in the Church to the edification of the same) it is thought good that none hereafter shall be confirmed, but such as can say in their mother tongue the Articles of the Faith, the Lords prayer, and the ten Commandments, and can also answer to such questions as this short Catechism, to the Bishop (or such as he shall appoint) shall by his discretion approve them in. And this order is most convenient to be observed for divers confessions, to the end.

Firstly, because that when children come to the years of discretion and have learned what their Godfathers and Godmothers promised for them in baptism, they may say themselves with their own mouth, and with their own confession, openly before the Church, ratifie and confirm the same: and also promise that by the grace of God they will evermore endeavour themselves faithfully to observe and keep such things as they by their own mouth and confession have attented unto.

Secondly, for as much as Confirmation is ministered to them that be baptized, that by imposition of hands and prayer, they may receive strength and defence against all temptations to sinne, and the assaults of the world and the devil, it is most meet to be ministered when children come to that age, that partly by the frailty of their own flesh, partly by the assaults of the world and the devil, they begin to be in danger to fall into sundry kindes of sinne.

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Thirdly, for that it is agreeable with the usage of the Church in time past, whereby it was ordained that confirmation should be ministered to them that were of perfect age, that they being instructed in Christ's religion, should openly profess their own faith, and promise to be obedient unto the will of God.

And that no man shall think that any detriment shall come to children by delaying of their confirmation, he that knoweth for such, that it is certain by God's word, that children being baptized have all things necessary for their salvation, and be undoubtedly saved.

A Catechism, that is to say, An instruction to be learned of every child, before he be brought to be confirmed by the Bishop.

Question.

What is your name?

Answer.

Who gave you this name?

Answer.

My Godfathers and Godmothers in my baptism, wherein I was made a member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven.

Question.

What did your Godfathers and Godmothers then say to you?

Answer.

They did promise and bind three things in my name. First, that I should forsake the devil, and all his works, the pomps and vanities of this wicked world, and all the sinful lusts of the flesh. Secondly, that I should believe all the articles of the Christian faith. And thirdly, that I should keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of my life.

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Question.

Doest thou not think that thou art bound to believe, and to do as they have promised for thee?

Answer.

Yes verily; and by God's help so I will. And I heartily thank our heavenly Father, that he hath called me to this state of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. And I pray God to give me his grace, that I may continue in the same unto my lives end.

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Question.

Rehearse the articles of thy belief.

Answer.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Question.

What dost thou chiefly learn in these articles of thy belief?

Answer.

First, I learn to believe in God the Father, who hath made me, and all the world.

Secondly, in God the Son, who hath redeemed me, and all mankind.

Thirdly, in God the Holy Ghost, who sanctifieth me, and all the elect people of God.

Question.

You said that your Godfathers and Godmothers did promise for you, that you should keep God's commandments. Tell me how many there be?

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Answer.

The same which God spake in the twelfth chapter of Exodus, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Answer.

i. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

ii. Thou shalt not make to thy self any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them. For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and visit the iniquities of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and shew mercy unto thou thousands, in them that love me and keep my commandments.

iii. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltlesse that taketh his name in vain.

iv. Remember that thou keep holy the sabbath day. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work, thou and thy sons, and thy daughters, thy manservant, and thy maidservant, thy beast, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is therein, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and holiness it.

v. Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

vi. Thou shalt do no murder.

vii. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

viii. Thou shalt not steal.

ix. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

x. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not
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not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is his.

Question.

what doth thou chiefly learn by these commandments?

Answer.

I learn two things: my duty towards God, and my duty towards my neighbour.

Question.

what is thy duty towards God?

Answer.

By duty towards God, is to believe in him, to fear him, and to love him with all my heart, with all my mind, with all my soul, and with all my strength. To worship him, to give him thanks, to put my whole trust in him, to call upon him, to honour his holy Name and his Word; and to serve him truly all the days of my life.

Question.

what is thy duty towards thy neighbour?

Answer.

By duty towards my neighbour, is to love him as myself, and to do to all men, as I would they should do unto me. To love, honour, and honour my father and mother. To honour and obey the King and his ministers. To submit my self to all my governors, teachers, civil and military powers and masters. To order my self soberly and reverently to all my betters. To hurt no body by word or deed. To be true and just in all my dealing. To bear no malice nor hatred in my heart. To keep my hands from picking and dealing, and my tongue from evil speaking, lying, and slanderous. To keep my body in temperance, sobriety and chastity. Not to covet nor desire others men's goods, but to learn and labour truly to get mine own living, and to do my duty in that state of life unto which I shall please God to call me.

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By good childe know this, that thou art not able to do these things of thy self, nor to walk in the commandments of God, and to serve him, without his special grace, which

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Thou must learn at all times to call for by diligent prayer. Let me hear therefore if thou canst say the Lords prayer.

Answer.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Question.

What destrest thou of God in this prayer?

Answer.

I desire my Lord God our heavenly Father, who is the giver of all goodnesse, to send his grace unto me, and to all people, that we may worship him, serve him, and obey him as we ought to do. And I pray unto God, that he will send us all things that be needfull both for our souls and bodies, and that he will be mercifull unto us, and forgive us our tunes, and that it will please him to save and defend us in all dangers ghostly and bodily, and that he will keep us from all lime and wickednesse, and from our ghostly enemy, and from everlasting death. And this I trust he will do of his mercy and goodnesse, through our Lord Jesus Christ. And therefore I say, Amen. So be it.

Question.

How many Sacraments hath Christ ordained in his Church?

Answer.

Two only as generally necessarie to satisfaction, that is to say, Baptisme, and the Supper of the Lord.

Question.

What meanest thou by this word Sacrament?

Answer.

I mean an outward and visible signe of an inward and spiritual grace, given unto us, ordained by Christ himself,
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self, as a means whereby we receive the same, and a pledge to assure us thereof.

**Question.**

How many parts be there in a Sacrament?

**Answer.**

Two: the outward visible signe, and the inward spiritual grace.

**Question.**

What is the outward visible signe of form in baptism?

**Answer.**

Water: wherein the person baptized is dipped or sprinkled.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Sonne, and of the holy Ghost.

**Question.**

What is the inward and spiritual grace?

**Answer.**

A death unto sinne, and a new birth unto righteousness: for being by nature born in sinne, and the children of wrath, we are hereby made the children of grace.

**Question.**

What is required of persons to be baptized?

**Answer.**

Repentance, whereby they to take sinne: and faith, whereby they solemnly believe the promises of God, made to them in that Sacrament.

**Question.**

Why then are infants baptized, when by reason of their tender age they cannot perform them?

**Answer.**

Because they promise them both by their parents, who promise and bid them both in their names: which when they come to age, themselves are bound to perform.

**Question.**

Why was the Sacrament of the Lords Supper ordained?

**Answer.**

For the continual remembrance of the sacrifice of the death of Christ, and the benefits which we receive thereby.

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Question. What is the outward part or sign of the Lord's Supper? Answer. The bread and wine which the Lord hath commanded to be received.

Question. What is the inward part or thing signified? Answer. The body and blood of Christ, which are truly and indeed taken and received of the faithful in the Lord's Supper.

Question. What are the benefits whereof we are partakers thereby? Answer. The strengthening and refreshing of our souls by the body and blood of Christ, as our bodies are by the bread and wine.

Question. Who is required of them which come to the Lord's Supper? Answer. To examine themselves whether they repent them truly of their former sin, meditating to lead a new life, have a lively faith in God's mercy through Christ, with a thankful remembrance of his death, and be in charity with all men.

The Catechist of every parish shall diligently upon Sunday, & Holy Days, after the Second Lesson at Evening Prayer openly in the Church, instruct & examine so many Children of his parish sent unto him, as shall think convenient, in some part of the Catechism.

And all Fathers, Mothers, Masters, and Dames shall cause their Children, Servants, & Dependents (who have not learned their Catechism) to come to the Church at the time appointed, to diligently to hear, & be instructed by the Catechist; and at such time as they have learned all, that is here appointed for them to learn.

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So soon as the children can say in their mother tongue the Articles of the Faith, the Lord's Prayer, the ten commandments, and also can answer to their Questions of this short Catechism, if the Bishop (or such as he shall appoint) shall by his direction appoint them, they shall be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed. And if the Bishop approve of them, he shall confirm them in manner following.

The Order of Confirmation, or laying on of hands upon those that are baptized, & coming to the rite of Confirmation.

Upon ye day appointed, all that are to be then confirmed, being placed, standing in order before ye Bishop, he (or some other Minister appointed by him) shall read this Preface following.

To the end that Confirmation may be ministered to the more edifying of such, as shall receive it, the Church hath thought good to order, that hereafter shall be confirmed, but such as can say the Creed, the Lord's prayer, and
Confirmation of laying on of hands.

The Bishop.

Minister.

We help in the Name of the Lord.
Who hath made heaven and earth.
Bishop. Minister.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord.
Answer.

Henceforth would without end.

Bishop. Minister.

Lord hear our prayers.
Answer.

And let our cry come unto thee, Bishop.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast hallowed us with thy servant by water and the Holy Ghost, and hast given unto them forgiveness of all their sins: strengthen them, we beseech thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter, and daily increase in them thy manifold gifts of grace, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and wisdom, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and fill them (O Lord) with the spirit of thy holy fear, Amen. Now, and for ever, Amen.

Then shall the Bishop lay his hand upon every child severally saying,

Defend, O Lord, thy child with thy heavenly grace, that he may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy holy Spirit more and more, until he come unto thine everlasting kingdom, Amen.

Then shall the Bishop say,

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, which maketh us both to will and to do those things which be good and acceptable in thy sight: we make our humble application unto thee for thy charity upon whom (after the example of thy holy Apostles)

their own Confession have assented unto.

Then shall the Bishop say,

Do ye here in the presence of God, & of this Congregation, renounce your solemn promise, & vow, as was made in your Name at your Baptism, ratifying, confirming, & making you own persons, & acknowledging yourselves bound, to believe, & to do all those things, which God's Father, & God's Mother then undertook for you?

And every one shall audibly answer,

I do.

Then all of them in order kneeling before the Bishop, he shall lay his hand upon the head of every one severally saying,

For this thy servant

The Lord be with you.
Answer.

And with thy Spirit.

And (the Bishop) shall say,

Let us pray.

Our Father, which art in Heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them, that thy servant as grace us. And lead us not into temptation: But deliver us from evil. Amen.

And this Collect.
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Now we have laid our hands, to certify them (by this sign) of thy labour and gracious goodwill toward them: Let thy Fatherly hand, we beseech thee, ever be over them: Let thy holy Spirit ever be with them, and to lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that in the end they may obtain everlasting life, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with thee and the holy Ghost livest and reignest one God world without end. Amen.

¶ Then the Bishop shall bless the children, saying thus,

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Sonne, and the holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. Amen.

The Curate of every Parish, or some other of his appointment, shall diligently upon Sundays and Holy-days, at an hour before Evensong openly in the Church, instruct and examine so many children of his Parish, sent unto him, as the time will serve, and as he shall think convenient, in some part of this Catechisme.

And all Fathers, Mothers, Masters, and Daughters, shall cause their children, servants, & prentices (which have not learned their Catechisme) to come to the Church at the time appointed, and obediently hear, and be ordered by the Curate, until such time as they have learned all that is here appointed for them to learn. And whenever the Bishop shall give knowledge for children to be brought before him to my convenient place for their Confirmation, then shall the Curate of every Parish, either bring or send in writing the names of all such children of his Parish, which can say the Articles of the Faith, the Lords prayer, and the ten Commandments, and also how many of them can answer to the other questions contained in this Catechisme. And if the Bishop approve of them, he shall confirm them.

And there shall none be admitted to the holy Communion until such time as he can say the Catechisme, and be confirmed, or be ready, desirous to be confirmed.

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