

## Ignite: Engulfed in Flames

(Week of Jan. 31)

Scripture & Tradition



*“Wherefore we are called Christians on this account, because we are anointed with the oil of God.”  
-Theophilus Antiochensis*

**GATHER:** Play a quick game of [Connect 4](#) either through the virtual link, or in person if you have the game at home.

**CONNECT:** The object of the game is to connect four dots in a row before your opponent does. It takes strategy – looking back, and thinking ahead. As you prepare for the sacrament of confirmation, it will take understanding of the what, how, why and who. We do this by looking back to the roots of the sacrament, and thinking ahead of how the sacrament will enrich our life. Avery looks back in [Scripture and Tradition](#) to share the roots of confirmation.

### **EXPLORE: Main Points to Take Away**

- The sacrament of confirmation is founded on Scripture and Tradition.
- In Scripture, God promised to send us an Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to guide and strengthen us.
- Through taking up a new name in the sacrament, we are called to follow a new mission and follow the example of our chosen patron.

### **The Journey of the Apostles, Part 2**

Ask teens to do some research in their Bible. Each of the passages on page 7 of their booklet refers to a specific tradition that is also present in the sacrament of confirmation. On the blank beside the passage, write down what that thing is! (*Choices are laying of hands, anointing, taking a new name, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the presence of the Holy Spirit*)

**Discuss:** Why does the Church care so much about Scripture? Why does the Church care so much about Tradition?

- *Scripture, originally compiled from tradition/practice, is the living Word of God that speaks to us now as much as it did 1000 years ago.*
- *Those who practiced the Tradition were closest to Christ and his teaching. Their example is how we can remain closest to Christ, even though he lived so long ago.*
- *Over time, God’s revelation to his Church is interpreted through the lens of Scripture & Tradition in order to make sense of it.*

**REFLECT:** Get to Know a Saint. Visit Catholic Saints and pick one saint (this does not have to be the saint you have chosen for confirmation) to get to know. Fill in the information on this saint in your journal.

### **LIVE IT: Parent Confirmation Interview**

Interview one (or both) of your parents using the questions provided in your journal to discover their memories of receiving the sacrament. Also, do not forget to keep working on your commitment prayer!