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**Abstract** Confirmation is the crowning of Baptism, multiplication of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and granting a right to be an active member of the Church. Confirmation has its autonomy and uniquely conveys the gift of the Holy Spirit. On Confirmation, every Christian bears witness to Christ's truth. He or she should then awaken in people a sense of responsibility for the Church and in consequence salvation of the world.

Receiving Confirmation has an influence on personal and social life of Christians. The quality of preparation and amount of good will affect the degree of this influence in daily life. The impact should manifest itself as tightening of the bond with Christ, multiplication of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and strengthening of the bond with Christ. As far as the social aspect is concerned, the confirmed person is to proclaim faith, bear responsibility for building the Church community, participate in the cult and contribute to the community's work.