Signs and Rite of Confirmation:

* Anointing with Chrism
	+ Catechism of the Catholic Church 1293-1295:
		- Chrism/oil- joy and abundance
			* Cleanses
			* Limber s
			* “Sign of healing”
			* “makes radiant with beauty, health, and strength”
		- In Confirmation, oil takes on the sign of consecration
		- Seal- “symbol of a person, a sign of personal authority, or ownership of an object”
		- Confirmand are given Christ’s seal
* Laying on of Hands
	+ Bishop invokes the Holy Spirit and prays, “Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit”
* Sign of Peace
	+ United to Bishop and the Church
* Effects of Confirmation
	+ Catechism of the Catholic Church 1302-1305
	+ Full outpouring of the Holy Spirit
		- Pentecost (same thing!)
		- Deepens our Baptismal graces including:
			* Increase gifts of the Holy Spirit
			* Unites us to and “renders our bond more perfect” with the Church
			* Unites us to Christ
			* “roots us more deeply in divine filiation”
				+ “Divine filiation”- we are made children of God through our Baptism
				+ Confirmation roots us more deeply in this divine mystery
			* Gives us strength to be witnesses of Christ in word and deed
	+ Character of the Sacrament
		- * Leaves an indelible mark on the soul (just as in Baptism and Holy Orders)
			* Indelible-indissoluble
				+ Cannot be taken away regardless of circumstances or life choices
				+ IT IS A BIG DEAL!