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!