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Living Catholic in the 808: More on Why It's Confirmation and THEN 1st Communion

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This past couple of weeks, I've been sharing why Confirmation was not intended to be the third/last sacrament of initiation, following Baptism and First Holy Communion. Besides being guided by the practice of the church and Jesus' experience, the fact that Holy Communion is third relates to the fact that the Eucharist is the summit of our life in Christ.

Baptism and Confirmation lead to the Eucharist. If we sin gravely and are in the state of mortal sin, then we go to confession and then are returned to the Eucharist. At any Mass where we celebrate with other sacraments or sacramentals received (Marriage, Ordination, Anointing of the Sick, blessings), the other sacraments or blessings are celebrated first, and then they culminate in the Eucharist. Everything reaches its crowning point in Eucharist.

Historically, giving Holy Communion to children who have not yet been confirmed only dates to 1910. By 1932, the Sacred Congregation for the Sacraments affirmed that "children should not approach the sacred table for the first time unless after the reception of the sacrament of confirmation, which is, as it were, the complement of baptism and in which is given the fullness of the Holy Spirit."

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