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Baptism, Confirmation and THEN 1st Communion

Reflections Prior to #BigPentecost
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This Pentecost, half our parishes will enact the Original Order. 900+ children will receive their final two sacraments of initiation in the “original” order and another 2700+ will be confirmed. Here’s a bit more about why:

The sacraments that initiate us into the Christian life are Baptism and Confirmation. Baptism and Confirmation go hand in hand, like a certificate given its official seal. In Baptism, Christians share in the death and resurrection of Jesus. In Confirmation, the Holy Spirit comes down upon us as it did on the Apostles on the day of Pentecost. Baptism and Confirmation are as inseparable as Easter and Pentecost Sundays, the first and last days of the Easter season.

Jesus himself was baptized and then confirmed by his Father with the gift of the Spirit: “After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and, behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased’” (Matthew 3:16-17).

In the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, used with unbaptized aged 7+, the sacraments are received in the proper theological order, usually at the Easter vigil — Baptism, Confirmation, and then first Holy Communion. This Pentecost, May 20, in parishes all across our state, children baptized as infants will now too be confirmed prior to receiving their First Communion. #BigPentecost