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Dear Madame Bautier,

Thank you very much for taking the time that you did to select the references on baptismo and confirmatio from your fiche index for me. Despite your doubts about their usefulness, on the contrary, some were particularly interesting, especially the seventh century source that talks about the "uberiorem gratiam" that is owed to confirmation. To my knowledge, credit for a theology of the effect of confirmation based on different degrees of grace (when the Holy Spirit has already been received in baptism) has been given to the ninth century.

I am interested in the question of when and why confirmation was identified with the bishop's imposition of hands or with holy chrism on the forehead, and your references add to my curiosity. Thank you again for your help, in spite of your own busy schedule and all the other demands upon your time.

Although Pasadena can be a "paradise", it is now the rainy season, and I envy your being in Paris in the Spring. I hope you and M. Bautier have a very joyous Easter!

In gratitude and admiration,

Sincerely,

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