Research Assignment:
The Seven Sacraments and You

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), the sacraments are “efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us” (CCC 1131). The seven sacraments are ceremonies that point to what is sacred, significant and important for us as Christians and followers of Christ. They are special occasions for experiencing God’s saving presence.

The seven sacraments are:

- **Baptism** (CCC 1213-1284)
- **Confirmation** (CCC 1285-1321)
- **Eucharist** (CCC 1322-1419)
- **Reconciliation** (CCC 1422-1498)
- **Anointing of the Sick** (CCC 1499-1532)
- **Holy Orders** (CCC 1536-1600)
- **Matrimony** (CCC 1601-1666)

**TASK:** Pick one of the seven sacraments to research further using the Catechism of the Catholic Church and one or two reputable Roman Catholic websites. Once you have made notes on the sacrament, complete the following requirements in Parts A, B, and C:

**Part A: About the Sacrament** (18 Marks)
1. **Description of the Sacrament** (4 to 5 detailed points in a list)
   Clearly identify the sacrament you chose. Then, describe the sacrament fully by listing four to five points about the sacrament you researched in your own words based on the Catholic sources you used which will be listed in your Works Cited page (4 marks-Knowledge and Understanding)

2. **Importance of the Sacrament** (6 to 8 sentences in a proper paragraph)
   Based on your research, why do you think this sacrament is important to Christians? Do you agree with the research? Why or why not? (5 marks-Thinking)

3. **Relevance of the Sacrament** (4 to 6 sentences in a proper paragraph)
   Describe in full detail why you chose this sacrament. Do you think the sacrament is relevant in today’s culture? Why or why not? (4 marks Thinking)

The written communication of your written work will be assessed and evaluated. It is worth 5 marks of this whole assignment. (Please see the written communication chart on the Marking Scheme)

**Proofread your work! Check:** spelling, punctuation, capitalization, word choice, sentence structure, missing words, title, indentation of paragraph…
Part B: The Sacrament’s Symbols (5 Marks)

Identify three appropriate symbols which best represent the sacrament you have chosen. On a separate sheet of paper, please provide a visual image of each of the symbols (3 marks). All of the symbols are to be hand drawn and coloured neatly to the best of your abilities (1 mark). Clearly label each symbol (1 mark). (5 marks-Application)

Part C: Works Cited (5 Marks)

On a separate sheet of paper, you will have to create a proper Works Cited page using MLA format based on the sources you used to collect your information on the sacrament to complete Part A. You will be taught a lesson by one of our teacher-librarians on how to source properly and how to complete a Works Cited page. To complete this page you will also use information found on our school web page. The teacher librarian will mark this section of the assignment. (5 marks-Application)

Notes: 1. The list, paragraphs, and the Works Cited are to be typed in 12 pt font.
2. Use subtitles wherever it is appropriate in Parts A and B.
4. You must include a proper cover page. The cover page is to include: the school’s name, assignment’s title, your full name, your teacher’s full name, the course code, and the date of submission.

MARKING SCHEME:

Name: ____________________________________________  Total Value: 28 marks

/4 marks- Knowledge and Understanding
/9 marks- Thinking
/5 marks- Communication (see chart below for criteria)
/10 marks- Application (_______ /5 (symbols) + _______ /5 (Works Cited))

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PLEASE SUBMIT THIS WITH YOUR COMPLETED ASSIGNMENT FOR EVALUATION