

When the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles, they were not afraid. When other people wanted to believe in Jesus, the apostles laid their hands upon them and prayed that they also could receive the Holy Spirit. The apostles also anointed them with oil, as a sign that they, too, were becoming “anointed ones,” who were called *Christians*. The bishops, the successors of the apostles, continue this ancient tradition to the present day.

