

Confirmation Interviews

Questions: in addition to the questions on the other side of this paper, be prepared to answer the following:

- 1) Why are you making your Confirmation?
- 2) Is this your decision?
- 3) Name the seven sacraments. Which ones have you received?
- 4) When was the first Confirmation? Who were present? Describe what happened.
- 5) Name the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit explain them. Pick 3 of them and talk about why you are hoping to receive them.
- 6) What are some of the symbols of the Holy Spirit? *Why?*
- 7) Reflection on the Creed: Explain one or more of the following: "I believe in...
the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the Communion of Saints,
the Forgiveness of Sins,
the Resurrection of the Body and
Life everlasting. Amen.
- 8) Are you committed to the moral teachings of the Church?
- 9) Do you go to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days?
- 10) Why did you pick your sponsor? Is this person someone who will help you to live out your faith?
- 11) Say the Act of Contrition

Questions to be discussed at Confirmation interview:

Answer each question and return the sheet before your interview.

The questions will be used for discussion at that time. If you have difficulty in answering any questions, please talk with your parents, who will help you think about your responses.

1. Do I understand the importance of attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation? Explain.
2. Do I make it a point to help others? In what ways?
3. What have I done for the Church?
4. Why do I want to be confirmed?
5. How will receiving the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation help my relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church?
6. How do I intend to be active in the Church after Confirmation?
7. How do I intend to grow in thy understanding of the Faith after I've been confirmed?
8. Do I see the importance of the reception of the sacrament of Reconciliation when a person is in need of God's mercy? Do I see the importance of regular reception of the sacrament of Reconciliation?
9. What are three talents I have that can be used to serve the Lord or others?
10. How do I intend to use these talents for the Lord?
11. How do I intend to use these talents for the Church?
12. How do I intend to use these talents for others (family, friends, community)?
13. What have I been learning from my hours of service?
14. Am I prepared to live by what the Pope and the bishops in union with him teach? Explain.
15. How do I intend to witness to Christ and give witness to the Church through my words and actions after have received the sacrament of Confirmation?
16. How do I make Scripture a part of my life?
17. My favorite Gospel story is _____
18. This is how I would act in the following situations:
 - ▶ I meet a friend who is not a Catholic, and I am asked: "Why are you a Catholic, rather than just being a Christian? What difference does it make to be a Catholic?"
 - ▶ A friend of mine remarks: "I don't understand why you can't just go to your room and tell God that you're sorry for your sins. Why tell a priest that you're sorry?"
 - ▶ Someone says to me that certain Catholic teachings cannot be found in the Bible—for example, Purgatory and the Assumption into heaven of the Blessed Virgin. "How can you believe in these teachings when they are not in the Bible?"
 - ▶ A friend of mine says that a person should do what feels right. The friend says, "I don't feel bad if I shoplift, so how can that be wrong?"