

Confirmation

Pre Confirmation Interview Questions – Bring this to Candidate / Pastor Interview

NOTE TO PARENTS: *Please understand that no one will be excluded from this program on the basis of this exercise. The purpose of these questions is to help the candidate begin to reflect on his/her faith journey thus far and to serve as a springboard for discussion during the Confirmation interview.*

TO THE CANDIDATE: The purpose of the preparation program for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation is to assure the readiness of each candidate. How do you determine if you are ready for this Sacramental preparation? Please take some time and reflect upon the following questions:

- Are you able to articulate a genuine request to learn about the Sacrament?
- Are you interested in being an active member of the faith community?
- Does your life reflect a desire to live a Catholic Christian life committed to the life and mission of the Church community?
- Are you interested in further exploration and study of the Catholic faith?
- Do you regularly participate in communal faith experiences as well as Sunday Eucharist?
- Does your behavior reflect developing maturity?
- Are you willing to participate in shared faith experiences?

Talk with your parents and other adults and then decide if you feel prepared to respond to the call to be a fully initiated member of the Catholic faith community.

The completed questions are to be brought to the scheduled interview with the Pastor. The purpose of the interview is to give you the opportunity to articulate for yourself, in your own words, what the sacrament of Confirmation is and why you are choosing to receive it. It also gives you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the following questions to prepare for the Confirmation interview. Please answer the questions as truthfully as possible. Please write down your answers and bring them with you to your scheduled interview. Fr. Leo will review your written answers before the interview begins.

- I.
 - A. What activities are you involved in: at school? At Church? In the community?
 - B. How have these activities helped you to grow as a person? How have these activities helped you to grow in your journey of faith?
 - C. What talents or gifts has God given you that will help to build His Kingdom?

- II.
 - A Do you really believe in God? Why?
 - B Have you ever REALLY FELT God's presence? Explain that.

 - C Who is someone who has influenced your faith? How have they done so?
 - D Tell me about your prayer life? How frequently do you pray, go to Mass?

- III.
 - A How would you describe your relationship with God?
 - B Has your relationship with God changed? In what ways?

- IV.
 - A If you were to meet someone who had never heard of Jesus, how would you talk about Jesus to them?
 - B How would you describe your relationship with Jesus?
 - C What is your favorite Parable or Bible reading about Jesus? Why?

- V.
 - A How do you experience the Holy Spirit?
 - B Can you name at least one gift of the Holy Spirit? How can you use it in your life? In the Church?

- VI. A What are some things you like about being Catholic?
B Are there things about the Catholic faith that you find challenging or difficult?
C What does the word “disciple” mean? What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? What does that look and feel like in your daily life?
D Are there things about the Church that you find inspiring?
E What is something you really would like to change about our parish? If you were in charge, what would you do?

- VII. A Who is your Confirmation sponsor? Why did you choose him or her?
B What name did you choose for Confirmation? Why?

- VIII. A Has your understanding of and participation in the Mass changed in any way? How?
B What is your favorite song or hymn we sing at Mass? Why do you like it?

- IX. A Do you want to be Confirmed? Why? What previous sacrament will you be confirming?

- X. A Do you have any questions before receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation?
B How can we help you to be better prepared?