

PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION

1. What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is the sacrament in which we receive the Holy Spirit in a special way, to make us stronger and more perfect Christians and soldiers of Jesus Christ.

2. Why is it called Confirmation?

It is called Confirmation because it strengthens us in our faith and makes the new life of grace given in Baptism more perfect.

3. When was the Sacrament of Confirmation instituted?

The Sacrament of Confirmation was instituted by Christ after his resurrection, but before his ascension when he promised to send the Holy Spirit upon his apostles.

4. Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is God, and the third person of the Blessed Trinity.

5. What is the outward sign of Confirmation?

The outward sign of Confirmation is the anointing of the forehead with Holy Chrism accompanied by the words of the bishop.

6. What is Holy Chrism?

Holy Chrism is a mixture of olive oil and balm which is blessed by the bishop on Holy Thursday.

7. How does the Bishop administer the Sacrament of Confirmation?

The bishop administers the Sacrament of Confirmation by praying that the Holy Spirit may come down upon those who are to be confirmed, making the sign of the cross with Holy Chrism on their foreheads at the same time saying certain words.

8. What are the words used in Confirmation?

The words used in Confirmation are these: "Be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit." The response is "Amen". Then the bishop will say: "Peace be with you." The response is: "And with your spirit."

9. Why do you take the name of a saint in Confirmation?

I take the name of a saint in Confirmation so that I may place myself under the protection of the saint and follow that saint's good example.

10. What does Confirmation do for you?

The sacrament of Confirmation gives me:

1. An increase in grace
2. A strengthening of my faith.
3. The power to make use of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.
4. A mark on my soul that cannot be erased.

11. Name and explain the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit.

1. Wisdom – helps me to know God better and see how lovable He is
2. Understanding – adds power and depth to my prayers and deepens my appreciation of the sacraments by helping me to know more clearly the teachings of my religion
3. Right Judgment – helps me to use good judgment, so as not to be fooled by the temptation of the devil and make decisions in obedience to the commandments
4. Knowledge – helps me to know better what God wants me to do and gives me a trust and sureness about Him
5. Courage – increases by commitment to witnessing the gospel and to living a Christian life and increases my resolve not to make excuses, give up or quit during hard times
6. Reverence – inspires me to love God and obey Him because I love Him. To be grateful for the life that He has given to us and for His love which guides us.
7. Wonder & Awe in the presence of the Lord – fills me with dread of sin, the greatest of evils, and strengthens me to honor the Lord

12. What are the fruits of the Holy Spirit? (there are 12 of them)

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| 1. Charity | 2. Patience | 3. Kindness | 4. Modesty | 5. Joy | 6. Mildness |
| 7.. Long Suffering | 8. Goodness | 9. Faith | 10. Peace | 11. Chastity | 12. Continence |

13. What are the 10 Commandments of God?

The Ten Commandments of God are:

1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honor your father and mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

14. Name the Corporal works of Mercy

The corporal works of mercy are:

1. Feed the hungry
2. Give drink to the thirsty
3. Shelter the homeless
4. Clothe the naked
5. Care for the sick
6. Help the imprisoned
7. Bury the dead

15. Name the Spiritual works of Mercy

The spiritual works of mercy are:

1. Share knowledge
2. Give advice to those who need it
3. Comfort those who suffer
4. Be patient with others
5. Forgive those who hurt you
6. Give correction to those who need it
7. Pray for the living and the dead

16. Name the laws of the church.

The chief laws of the church are:

1. To assist at mass on all Sundays and holy days of obligation.
2. To fast and abstain on the days appointed.
3. To confess your sins at least once a year.
4. To receive Holy Communion during Easter time.
5. To contribute to the support of the church.
6. To observe all the laws of the church concerning marriage.

17. What are the Holy Days of obligation in the Archdiocese?

There are six (6) Holy Days of obligation in the Archdiocese:

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>HOLY DAY FEAST</u> |
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| December 8 | The <u>Immaculate Conception</u> |
| December 25 | The <u>Birth</u> of Christ |
| January 1 | The Solemnity of <u>Mary</u> , Mother of God |
| 40 days <u>after</u> Easter | <u>Ascension</u> Thursday |
| August 15 | The <u>Assumption</u> of the Blessed Mother into Heaven |
| November 1 | The Feast of <u>All Saints</u> |

18. When is Easter time?

Easter time begins on the first Sunday of Lent and ends on Trinity Sunday.

19. What are the two great commandments that Christ gave to us?

The two great commandments that Christ gave to us are:

1. Thou shall love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul and with thy whole mind.
2. Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself.