

Readiness for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Candidates will demonstrate readiness for the Sacrament of Confirmation by showing that he or she desires to live the Catholic faith and by fulfilling the following requirements:

- Faithful attendance at Sunday Mass
- Participation in the Confirmation Commitment Mass at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 18 & submission of the *Confirmation Covenant form*.
- Service in a liturgical ministry of the parish (a minimum of three times before February 2012)
- A developing relationship with a Catholic mentor (sponsor):
 - Meeting with the chosen sponsor for faith-sharing conversations and submission of at least TWO *Faith Share forms*
 - Participation in one Candidate/Sponsor Gathering in November
 - Submission of a letter from the sponsor to the Pastor affirming that the candidate has engaged in the process of preparation and is ready to be confirmed.
- Growth in the habit of outreach and service to others:
 - Participation in a minimum of FOUR outreach service dates between June 2011 and February 2012.
 - Submission of *Service Reflection form*
- Submission of *Confirmation (Saint) Name Report*
- Satisfactory class attendance
 - Religious Ed. students: if more than one RE session is missed, written make-up work must be submitted for each absence.
- Acceptable performance on Confirmation Assessment (demonstrating understanding and knowledge of the basics of the Catholic faith as outlined on separate sheet)
- Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- An individual interview with the Pastor of FHC, and a letter from the Candidate to the Bishop requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation
- Participation in a Confirmation Retreat

What you need to KNOW

Through the Confirmation Assessment, Confirmation candidates will demonstrate understanding and knowledge of the concepts listed below.

1. Memorize:

- The seven Sacraments (and briefly describe)
- The Ten Commandments
- The Gifts of the Holy Spirit and their meaning in the Christian life
- The Nicene Creed
- The responses for the Rite of Confirmation
- The Prayer to the Holy Spirit

2. Define:

- Covenant
- Paschal Mystery
- Holy Trinity
- Sin
- Grace
- Easter Sunday
- The Assumption
- Faith
- Theological virtues & Cardinal virtues
- Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy (give examples, also)
- The Virgin Mary
- Prayer
- New Testament
- Fruits of the Holy Spirit

3. Give brief answers:

- Be familiar with the Acts of the Apostles in the Bible:
 - a. Describe the origin of the Church at the time of Pentecost.
 - b. Describe how the Holy Spirit received by the disciples at Pentecost is the major figure in the Acts of the Apostles.
- Describe how the Holy Spirit acts in the life of a believer.
- Name the four Gospel authors.
- Explain how God's grace and the Christian life help us share in God's holiness.
- Explain how humans know God through both Sacred Scripture and Tradition.
- Define "Incarnation" and describe the divine and human nature of Jesus by using references from the Gospels and the Nicene Creed.
- Name the special signs of the bishop: miter, crosier, pectoral cross, ring
- List the elements of the Rite of Confirmation.
- Explain how Confirmation is:
 - a. a sacrament of initiation;
 - b. with an indelible character;
 - c. sealing a person with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.
- Describe the roles of the Pope, Bishops, Priests, Religious, and Laity in the Church.
- Describe how the Church is one, holy, catholic and apostolic.
- List and explain the major parts of the Mass.
- Describe the Lord's Prayer as a prime example that Christians pray the way Jesus prayed.
- Explain the connection between the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople, the Nicene Creed, and the divinity of Jesus.
- Explain the relationship of the Catholic Church with other Christian churches, and identify which sacrament is common to the Christian communions.

4. Describe the following devotional practices:

- Rosary
- Stations of the Cross