



CONFIRMATION

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Prep Topics for Confirmation Interviews

In preparation for the Confirmation interviews, which will be held March 8, 9, & 11, please make sure your child is familiar with the following content (if in question, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is an excellent and recommended reference point).

Answers should be more than just a couple words or a simple list and should address these points in detail. Don't simply memorize lists (Ten Commandments, for example). Be able to explain what the commandments command, what they forbid, how one can break them in smaller ways, etc.

- The person and work of the Holy Spirit
- The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit
- The seven sacraments (Especially Eucharist, Confession and Confirmation – why do we have these sacraments? How often can and should we receive them?)
- The authority of the Catholic Church
- The Ten Commandments (Can you name them as well as what each commandment commands and forbids?)
- What is prayer? How does one pray?
- The two types of sin (What constitutes a mortal sin?)
- The sacrament of Confirmation (What is it? Why do we need it?)
- New Testament examples where we see the Holy Spirit at work like in Confirmation
- The symbolism of oil
- In what ways are Baptism and Confirmation are like one another
- Every sacrament has two parts: form and matter. What is the essential element, the matter of Confirmation?
- What is Confirmation? What does this sacrament do for you? What does God give you in this sacrament?

In addition, your child should be able to answer these personal questions pertaining to the reception of the sacrament:

- Why do you want to be Confirmed?
- How do you expect Confirmation will change you?
- Why did you choose your Confirmation saint? Can you tell significant details and virtues from the life of your saint?
- How important is your faith to you?