



Confirmation

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We have created this resource for the sacrament of Confirmation in connection with the move to restored order. The purpose is to help parishes in their promotion of different resources, to ensure the “basic” catechetical formation required by our archbishop prior to receiving each sacrament is carried out. Also to assist families who pursue homeschooling, to make sure their catechetical formation doesn’t exclude any of the following topics.

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1. Know what a sacrament is.
2. Have an awareness of Baptism and our true identity in Jesus Christ.
3. Know that we receive the Holy Spirit in Baptism and are strengthened through Confirmation.
4. Should have a sense of prayer and a need for God.
5. Should desire to build a relationship with Jesus Christ.
6. Know the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit.
7. Know that we need to be faithful to God’s commandments.
8. Should have experience with lectio divina.

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Sample questions to determine sacramental “readiness”

The following are sample questions a pastor or his delegate could use in a meeting with a child and their family to help determine if the child is disposed to receive the sacrament.

This is a resource that is meant to help you in a conversation with a child.
“Perfect answers” should not be required from children.

Objective	Potential questions
1. Know what a sacrament is.	» What is a sacrament? » Why do we receive sacraments?
2. Have an awareness of Baptism and our true identity in Jesus Christ.	» What happens to a soul when a person is baptized? » Whose life do we receive in baptism?
3. Know that we receive the Holy Spirit in Baptism and are strengthened through Confirmation.	» What does the Holy Spirit have to do with Baptism and Confirmation? » When do we receive the Holy Spirit for the first time? » Where do we get strengthened by the Holy Spirit? » What are we strengthened for?
4. Should have a sense of prayer and a need for God.	Why is it important to pray? What does it mean to you to pray to the Father? To the Son? To the Holy Spirit?
5. Should desire to build a relationship with Jesus Christ.	» Do you want Jesus to be in your life? Why? » How is Jesus calling you, like the disciples, to share your faith with others (at home, school, friends, etc.)?
6. Know the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit.	» What are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit? » What do the gifts help to do? » Who do they help us to know?
7. Know that we need to be faithful to God’s commandments.	» Why is it important to follow God’s Commandments?
8. Should have experience with lectio divina.	» Tell me about an experience in prayer and/or reading of Scripture that you have had while preparing for this sacrament. » How have you gotten to know God better while preparing for this sacrament?