

Curriculum Questions for Confirmation

1. What is the Creed?

- How is the Apostles Creed different than the Nicene Creed? (185-195)
- What is the Trinity? (257-267)
- Why do we call God Father? (239-240)
- What is the Paschal Mystery? (654-655, 658)
- Why did Jesus suffer and die for us? (599-623)
- How does the Holy Spirit prepare the faithful for the sacraments? (1133)
- Identify the Immaculate Conception (490-493)
- What is the Communion of Saints? (946-948)
- What is your favorite Gospel story about Jesus? Why do you like it?

2. What is the Church? What does it mean for you to be a part of it?

- Explain one of the following images of the Church: “People of God,” “Body of Christ,” “Temple of the Holy Spirit.” (781-786, 802-804, 787-796, 805-808, 747, 797-801, 809-810)
- What is Pentecost? (731-732, 1076)
- Name and briefly explain the four marks of the Church. (811-812, 866-70)
- What is the role of the Hierarchy of the Church? (874-882)
- As Catholics, we pray together publicly in the liturgy as well as in private. How are they different? Why are they both necessary? (1069, 1140-1144)
- How important is it for you to identify yourself as a Catholic?

3. What is a sacrament? Why are they important in a Catholic’s life of faith?

- Name the seven sacraments. (1210)
- Name the three categories into which the sacraments can be placed. (1211)
- What is grace? (1996-2005, 2021-2024)
- What is a sacrament? (1131)
- What role do the sacraments play in the life of the Church? (1113-1134)
- What role do the sacraments play in your life?

4. What is the meaning of Baptism for a Catholic?

- What is baptism? (1277)
- Why do Catholics baptize infants? (1250-1252)
- What responsibilities come with Baptism? (1267-1274)
- Name the principal symbols of Baptism and what they signify. (1234-1245)
- Who are your godparents? Why did your parents choose them for godparents?

5. What is the meaning of the sacrament of Confirmation?

- ❑ What is the significance of being anointed by the Bishop with chrism? Explain the words: “Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (1294-1296)
- ❑ Name and briefly explain each of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. (1831)
- ❑ Why can Confirmation be received only once? (1304, 1317)
- ❑ How is Confirmation related to the other sacraments of Initiation? (1285)
- ❑ How does a person prepare for Confirmation? (1309-1311)
- ❑ How will the reception of this sacrament of Confirmation impact on the way you live your life? (1302-1303)
- ❑ Explain the reason for taking a Confirmation name and why you chose the name you did.

6. What does it mean to say that the Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian life”? (1074, 1324, 1407)

- ❑ What does the word Eucharist mean? (1360)
- ❑ Name the two parts of every Eucharistic liturgy. (1346)
- ❑ Name the key seasons of the liturgical calendar. (1168-1171, 1194)
- ❑ Explain why it is important for the Church to keep memorials of the saints and martyrs. (1172-1173, 1195)
- ❑ What is meant by the “Real Presence” of Christ in the Eucharist? (1374-1377)
- ❑ How does the Mass re-present Christ’s sacrifice on the cross? (1362-1367)
- ❑ How is the Mass a sacred banquet? (1382-1388)
- ❑ What makes Mass meaningful for you?

7. What is the life of a Catholic disciple?

- ❑ Name the Ten Commandments in order. (CCC, pp. 496-497)
- ❑ What are the Beatitudes? (Matt 5:3-10, 1716, 1725-1727)
- ❑ Name the Theological Virtues (1812-1829, 1840-1844)
- ❑ What is sin? (1846-1853, 1870-1873)
- ❑ How is mortal sin different from venial sin? (1855-1866; 1874-1876)
- ❑ What is the meaning of stewardship? (2415-2418, 2456-2457)
- ❑ What does the Church teach about love for the poor? (2443-2448)
- ❑ Can you recite the Lord’s Prayer? The Hail Mary? Glory Be? (2759, 2676-2677)
- ❑ When do you pray? How do you pray best?
- ❑ What is it about the way you live your life that gives witness to your faith as a Catholic?