

# CONFIRMATION LEARNING OUTCOMES

## YEAR 1

### **1<sup>st</sup> Semester: Identifying Faith Patterns**

The goal of this section is to recognize how God works in the world, the Catholic Church, and the candidate's lives by exploring the following questions.

#### **1. Theme: I Have A Story**

The objective of this theme is to encounter God's grace.

##### *a) Identify Why You Are Here*

- What are you looking for from God? (CCC 27, 1716-1718)
- What are you looking for from the Catholic Church? (CCC 36-38)
- What are you looking for from this Confirmation preparation program? (personal)

##### *b) Discover God as the Source of Happiness*

- What were you made for? (CCC 27)
- What is it that your heart longs for? (personal)

#### **2. Theme: God Has A Story**

The objective of this theme is to encounter Jesus and form a personal relationship with Him.

##### *a) Salvation History*

- What is the meaning of Creation? (CCC 279-294)
- What is the meaning of the Fall? (CCC 385-406)
- What is the meaning of the saving actions of Jesus? (CCC 622-623, 635, 651-655)

##### *b) The Invitation*

- What does it mean to be invited to rest? (Matt 11:28)
- What does it mean to be invited to discipleship? (Mk 1:17)
- What does it mean to be invited to live in the Kingdom of God? (Jn15:4)

#### **3. Theme: The Church Has A Story**

The objective of this theme is to encounter the Trinity as the central mystery of the Catholic Church's faith.

##### *a) Finding God*

- What is Divine Revelation? (CCC 53, 74-79)
- What is the difference between Scripture and Tradition? (CCC 80-82)

##### *b) God the Creator*

- Who is God? (CCC 198-221)
- What does God do? (CCC 198-221)

c) *Jesus the Savior*

- Who do you say that I am? (CCC 464, 452-455)
- Why did Jesus come to save us? (CCC 430-431)

d) *Holy Spirit the Sanctifier*

- Who is the Holy Spirit? (CCC 683, 685 727-731) (Jn 16:13-14, Jn 14:17-19)
- What is the role of the Holy Spirit? (CCC 689-690)

**4. Theme: I Am Part Of A Faith Family**

The objective of this theme is to encounter the mystery of God as lived in the community of faith.

a. *Paschal Joy*

- Who is the Paschal Lamb? (CCC 608)
- What is the Paschal Mystery? (CCC 654-655, 658)
- How is the Paschal Mystery lived out? (Personal reflection on the Dyings and Risings of life, and God's comfort and hope of new life.)

b. *Images of Church*

- How would we experience the Church as the People of God? (CCC 781-786)
- How would we experience the Church as the Body of Christ? (CCC 787-795)
- How would we experience the Church as the Temple of the Holy Spirit? (CCC 797-801)
- How would we experience the Church as the Communion of Saints? (CCC 946-962)

**5. Teaching Safety: Empowering God's Children**

The objective of this theme is to comply with the safe environment program to build on the basic concepts of teaching boundaries and safety. For themes and teaching instructions, consult the VIRTUS program on the Rockford Diocese Catholic Education webpage.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Semester: Sensing the Spirit in Our Lives**

The goal of this section is to help candidates form a relationship with the parish community by participating in intentional activities.

**1. Theme: Remembering When My Journey Began**

The objective of this theme is to accompany the candidates through a reflection on their Baptismal promises and experience of Eucharist as the sacraments already received in the process of full initiation into the Catholic Church.

a) *Born Anew In The Sacrament of Baptism* (begins with CCC 1213)

- Explore the candidate's experience of Baptism.
- Identify and explain the symbols of Baptism.
- Present the meaning of Baptism.

- b) *Invited To The Table Through The Sacrament of Eucharist* (begins with CCC 1322)
  - Explore the candidate's experience of Mass.
  - Identify and explain the symbols of Eucharist.
  - Present the meaning of the Mass.
- c) *Sharing New Life With Christ*
  - Provide emersion opportunities for candidates to experience different parish liturgical and service ministries.
  - Examine the experience of participating in a parish ministry as part of the Christian life.

## 2. Theme: Becoming A Person A Prayer

The objective of this theme is to accompany candidates as they draw closer to the risen Lord through the many forms of private and public prayer.

- a) *Why pray?*
  - Define prayer and why we pray. (CCC 2559-2565)
  - Explain the role of prayer in the Christian life. (CCC 2566-2567, 2663-2679)
- b) *What is Prayer?*
  - Discuss the forms and styles of prayer. (CCC 2625-2643)
  - Explain the difference between private and public prayer. (CCC 2600-2602, 2683-2691)
  - Experience prayer through adoration, retreats, prayer services, etc.
- c) *How should I Pray?*
  - Explore the Lord's Prayer and how prayer is presented in Scripture. (begins with CCC 2761)
  - Experience Lectio Divina. (CCC 2708)
  - Review basic Catholic prayers. (CEO website)

## 3. Theme: Finding A Home In The Catholic Church (Part 1)

The objective of this theme is to accompany candidates to take ownership of their role as a Disciple of Christ.

- a) *Declaring Our Beliefs*
  - Study the Nicene Creed. (part 1 of the CCC)
  - Discuss how to live the Creed today. (personal)
- b) *Living By God's Words*
  - Present the Beatitudes as a path to True Happiness (Matt 5:1-12)
  - Introduce the Cardinal and Theological Virtues (CCC 1805-1809, 1812-1844) (1Cor 13:13, Rom 1:17, Mt 10:32-33, Jn 15:12)