

Sponsor Meeting #4

Due by: March 21st, 2021

Confirmandi are asked to meet with their sponsors regularly throughout the preparation process to discuss the faith and in order that they might be more aware of what God is doing throughout the process.

--- BEGIN WITH PRAYER ---

Read each passage twice together and discuss using the questions below. Keeping in mind that the Word of God is "living and effective"- the actual voice of God reaching out to you to speak into your life, think about why that word/phrase is standing out. How is God speaking to you in the circumstances of life?

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another take heed that you are not consumed by one another. But I say, walk by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you would. But if you are led by the Spirit you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are plain: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, selfishness, dissension, party spirit, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control;** against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. - Galatians 5:1, 13-26 (emphasis added)

Questions to discuss together - You'll share some of your discussion on the following page

- Why does St. Paul list these fruits of the Spirit?
- Do you see the fruits of the Spirit or the fruits of the flesh mentioned in this passage more in your life?
- How is God asking you to "live by the Spirit"? What does that even mean?

--- LESSON REVIEW: CONFIRMATION ---

Discuss the following questions with your sponsor. With each question talk not only about the answers to the questions taught in the lesson, but also about if you buy into that answer or if you struggle with what was taught. Formulate questions for the priest or Thomas if you come up against a roadblock.

- Review the gifts of the Holy Spirit. What effect do they have on our lives?
- What does it look like to follow the Spirit? How can we tell the Holy Spirit from our own imagination or even the temptations of the devil?
- What are the fruits of the Spirit? Do you see the fruits of the Spirit present in your life?

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Turn-In Sheet

Name

After each meeting with your sponsor please respond to the questions below and turn this sheet in to the parish.

Please respond in at least 2-3 full sentences for each question.

What are a few things that you and your sponsor shared or talked about as you went through the scripture passage and questions following?

What is something you learned about your sponsor or something that your sponsor said that helped you see your faith a little differently?

Some may look at the list of the fruits of the Spirit and works of the flesh and think the list of the works of the flesh look much more fun. Why do you think sometimes sin looks more fun than sanctity?

We are taught that sanctity, friendship with God, and a life filled with the fruits of the Spirit are actually the things that will bring us greater happiness. How can that be?

Do you have any other questions or final thoughts that you would like to share with us?