

**HOLY CROSS PARISH**  
**CONFIRMATION FAITH SHARING PROJECT #2**  
*"Conversation with God"*  
**Due February 28th**

CANDIDATE: \_\_\_\_\_ MENTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

**Before Meeting with your Mentor**

Schedule a 60-90 minute meeting time to be conducted in person.

Items needed: This packet, pens or pencils, a bible.

**Meeting Details**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Opening Prayer**

TALK IT OVER WITH GOD

*You're worried and troubled about everything,  
Wondering and fearing what tomorrow will bring.*

*You long to tell someone for you feel so alone,  
But your friends are all burdened with cries of their own.  
There is only one place and only One Friend,  
Who is never too busy and you can always depend.  
That person will be waiting with arms open wide,  
To hear all your troubles that you came to confide.*

*Your heavenly Father will always be there,  
When you seek God and find God at the altar of prayer.*

**2. Begin with a Promise and a Discussion**

Discuss confidentiality and trust. Promise each other that what is shared here stays here.

Continue by discussing the following aloud...

- How has your faith changed throughout your life?
- What does the Bible mean to you?
- How do you see yourself serving the church once you are confirmed? Mentor: How did your relationship with the church change when you were confirmed?
- What do you like about the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion?

**3. Faith Focus Question:** What/for whom do you pray? When do you pray?

**4. Conversation With God Discussion and Reflection**

Fill out the attached *Conversation With God* worksheet individually.

Discuss your answers.

- Item #1: Share your reason for the word you chose.
- Item #2: If you were God, how would you answer your particular request?
- Item #3: Why is it important to spend time every day in prayer?
- Item #4: Why is it important to pray alone? With others?
- Item #5: The type of prayer I pray most often is...
- Item #6: What does the Bible say about prayer?
- Item #7: Share a true-to-life situation where you asked God to help.
- Item #8: My definition of prayer is...

Share briefly about a time when you experienced prayer according to your definition of prayer.

## 5. Project Summary

Prayer is to the soul what fresh air is to the body. Without it, we die spiritually. Talking and listening to God are important if a Christian is ever going to get to know God better. It is difficult to have a relationship with God without talking to God, just as it is difficult to maintain a relationship with a friend without communication.

After completing this faith-sharing project, how do I feel about my own prayer life? (i.e. Do I need to be more attentive or listen to God more? Do I want to adopt another style of prayer?) How comfortable am I with just talking to God and being his friend? Write some notes to these questions in the space below.

## 6. What Can We Do?

You are called to **ACTION!** Choose one of the suggestions below or think of another on your own that relates to this topic. **NOTE:** You can discuss the results of your action with your mentor when you meet for your next project.

### Suggestions:

- Do a prayer walk. As you walk, pray for the people you meet, the people in the houses you pass, and the people in the cars that pass you. Don't show any sign that you are praying.
- 98% of all songs on the radio can be made into prayer. Challenge yourself when you are listening to music to see how you can feel God in the words of contemporary music, maybe by making a song into a prayer. Think of one specific song that you can use as a prayer.
- Spend 10-15 minutes daily in a quiet place in prayer. Consciously turn away from the computer, family, friends, and other distractions.

## Closing Prayer

Our Father

**A real person, who cares for and loves me**

Who art in heaven

**Living higher than I am, understanding more than I do**

Hallowed be thy name

**We honor and praise your holy name.**

Thy kingdom come

**Come quickly, Jesus, live in our life.**

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven

**You always know what is best for us.**

Give us this day our daily bread

**Fill our needs.**

And forgive us our trespasses

**Because we know you will**

As we forgive those who trespass against us

**"Seventy times seven" times, Lord**

And lead us not into temptation

**Give us the strength to resist.**

But deliver us from evil

**When we fall, you come through.**

AMEN

## LOOKING BACK

Complete these sentences:

One thing I learned about my Mentor/ my candidate during this session was...

One thing I discovered about myself during this session was...

One thing I like about the Catholic Church is...

# Conversation with GOD



**Directions: Answer each of the following individually and share your answers aloud. Discuss why you answered the way you did.**

1. Which option best describes prayer for you?
  - a. It is a very important part of my life.
  - b. It is kind of important to me.
  - c. It is not important at all.
  
2. Complete the following sentence. “If I could pray for only one thing, it would be...”
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. An important part of prayer is quiet time, uninterrupted communication with God. Where do you go for quiet time with God?

What is your favorite way to pray to and speak to God?

4. What does the Bible tell you about prayer? Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

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