

8th and 9th Grade ROC - Decision Point (March)

SESSION NINE: THE CHURCH

Key Points

- There are lots of reasons to be proud to be Catholic.
- The Church is part of God's plan for humanity.
- The Church can play a powerful role in our lives, and we play a unique and vital role in the mission of the Church.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, you prayed that your people would be one; forgive us Lord and take away the pride and arrogance which divides your Church. Break down the walls which separate us; unite us with your bonds of love and accomplish your will. I pray that by the power of your Spirit your healing would work in the body of your Church and through me, to bring about the purpose of your will. Amen. (Author Unknown)

Introduction: Counter Cultural



9.1 First Christians & the Early Church (Pages 216-219)



9.2 One, Holy, Catholic, & Apostolic (Pages 222-225)



9.3 The Good, the Bad, the Ugly, & the Lies (Pages 228-232)



9.4 Ten Great Reasons to Be Catholic (Pages 234-236)



9.5 Decision Point (Pages 238-240)



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SESSION TEN: CONFIRMATION

Key Points

- Each of us is personally called and chosen by God; we are responsible for how we respond to that call.
- We should prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Confirmation is not the end of something, but the beginning of a new phase in our faith journey.

Prayer

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is error, truth; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen. (St. Francis of Assisi)

Introduction: If You Get the Man Right...



10.1 What is Confirmation? (Pages 244-246)



10.2 The Power of Preparation (Pages 248-251)



10.3 How Will Confirmation Change You? (Pages 254-256)



10.4 On the Day (Pages 258-261)



10.5 Decision Point (Pages 264-268)





Moving forward in faith in the spirit of radical hospitality.



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Although things are quite a bit different than they were last year, we are looking forward to journeying with you through the ROC (Rite of Confirmation) program as you prepare to be confirmed! This year at ROC, we will be using a program called Decision Point.

Decision Point consists of 12 sessions which we are asking you to complete throughout the school year (two sessions each month). Each session focuses on six short videos which can be found on the [Decision Point website](#) or in the links provided in the attached program outline. Your Decision Point workbook features discussion/journal questions along with some supplementary information and activities.

In addition to Decision Point, you can expect to receive some videos from us each month discussing the specifics of Confirmation and addressing some of the topics you will be learning about. There will also be some opportunities for you to ask questions about the Church which we will answer during these videos.

The most important part of our Catholic faith and the ROC program is Sunday Mass. We hope that you will either join us for our [11 a.m. Livestream Mass](#) or our Life Teen Mass, which is currently being held at 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoon on the lawn behind St. Helen's in Norwell.

Due to the current health restrictions, we are limited in the number of in-person activities that Life Teen is able to host. However, please consider joining us some Monday evening for Pizza-less Prayer at 7:15 p.m. at St. Mary's in Hanover or any of our other events, which can be found on [LifeTeenSMASH.com](#).

Know that we are praying for you and hope to see you soon!