



CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM



PARISH & SHRINE

Confirmation Preparation

2020-2021

Catechists: (A-1) Mrs. Keri Cooper, Mrs. Cerita Young
(A-2) Mr. John Paul Ewing, Mr. Luke McDonald

Overview:

The Holy Spirit has guided the Church since the glorious Mystery of Pentecost and continues to be poured out on Christ's disciples today in the Sacrament of Confirmation. By the laying on of apostolic hands and the sealing in the Spirit, the Confirmand is purified as gold tested in fire for the call to holiness, and is set aside as priest, prophet, and king for the call to evangelization. This course seeks to prepare the child mentally and spiritually for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Guided by the Four Pillars of the Catechism, we will break open the Creed, the Commandments, the Sacraments, and Prayer as key expressions of Faith. Along the way, we will consider the role of the Holy Spirit as Guide for the Church and for our own personal call to holiness and evangelization, and reflect on the symbols of the Confirmation rituals – sacred oil, the laying on of hands, naming, and fire.

Texts:

Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Holy Bible, Revised Standard Version, 2nd Catholic Edition (RSVCE), Ignatius Press

The Creed in Slow Motion, Msgr. Ronald Knox

Assorted Handouts (to be distributed by teacher or printed from internet as needed)

Class Materials: Black or Blue ink pen, or pencil
Notebook
Commonplace Book (provided)

Google Classroom Code: [2mzeki2] Here you will find PowerPoints, online resources, and announcements from your Catechists

Important Considerations

Class Time: Classes are held in Sts. Beckett & Bede (A-1) and Sts. Hilda & Godric (A-2) classroom in Newman Hall on Sundays during the academic year, from 9:45-10:45am.

Makeup Work: If a student is absent, he/she is still responsible for keeping up with any reading or assignments received during class. It is the student's responsibility to make the necessary arrangements with the teacher to accomplish this task. If a student is absent four (4) classes or more, the CCD Director will notify the parents and a remediation plan will be determined.

Additional Help: If you have any questions or difficulties with the material of this course, or any questions about the Catholic faith in general please don't hesitate to ask. We will be available after class, or you can contact the Director of CCD, Mr. Caruthers, at tim.caruthers@olwcatholic.org.

Course Goals - The child will:

- Know the role of the Holy Spirit throughout Scripture, the Church, and each person's life
- Understand the significance of the sacramental matter of Confirmation
- Understand their mission in the Church
- Display a basic knowledge of the Four Pillars of the Catechism

Course Objectives - The child will be able to:

- Identify the Holy Spirit in His roles as Paraclete, Guide, Comforter, Sanctifier
- Explain the significance of oil as sign of strength and of setting apart in the ancient Church
- Explain the significance of the laying on of hands in the handing on of authority
- Explain the pastoral significance of naming in the Scripture and the life of the Church
- Recognize the role of fire in the purification rituals and language of the Old Testament
- Identify ways in which each person is called to be a priest, a prophet, and a king as *alter Christi*
- Recount the Creed, Decalogue, Sacraments, the Our Father and the Hail Mary from memory, and to identify significant doctrinal points contained therein

Course Scope & Sequence

Unit 1: Creed - Faith Life

- God and Revelation; Sacred Scripture and the Holy Spirit - Inspiration, Inerrancy, Interpretation;
- Trinity and Unity
- Christ - True God and True Man
- Four Last Things

Unit 2: Commandments - Moral Life

- Covenant relationship - Mission: Prophet, Priest, and King
- 10 Commandments
- Beatitudes and Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Precepts of the Church and Works of Mercy

Unit 3: Church & Sacraments - Life of Grace

- Marks of the Church - One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic
- Sacraments and Grace as relationship with God
 - o Sacraments as efficacious signs
 - o Grace - sanctifying/sacramental/habitual, and actual
- Sacraments of Initiation - growing the friendship; Sacraments of Healing - mending the friendship; Sacraments of Service - sharing the friendship

Unit 4: Prayer - Spiritual Life

- Prayer as essential to life - person as physical, mental, and spiritual
- Forms of prayer - vocal, meditative, contemplative
- Types of prayer - adoration, contrition, thanksgiving, supplication
 - o Psalms as examples of each
- Vocal prayers - Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and others
- Examination of Conscience and Lectio Divina
- Sacramentals and Devotionals - aids to life of prayer