

Grade 7 - Lesson 16

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Proclamation:

The Sacrament of Confirmation strengthens God's grace within us to assist us in living our Christian faith and being witnesses of Christ.



Catechetical Points

- The Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
- Through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Confirmation strengthens them so that they may live out their faith as their initiation into God's family is completed.

Materials

- Examination of Conscience
- Dictionary of Saints
- YouTube (Please bring your own laptop or tablet)
 - Wi-Fi: StMichaelGuest
 - Password: 6084375348
 - Pentecost by Catholic Online
 - <https://youtu.be/FvLFQhQpIKs>
 - Sacraments 101: Confirmation by BustedHalo
 - <https://youtu.be/Qt32SyDWuW8>

[10 min] **Silent Prayer**

- Bring the class into church for a few minutes of silent prayer.

[5 min] **Sacraments of Initiation**

- **How many Sacraments are there?**
- **Three Sacraments are called the Sacraments of Initiation, which 3 do you think they are?** Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation
- The Sacraments of initiation make us members of the Church.

[20 min] **Pentecost**

- Jesus told the Apostles that he would send them the Holy Spirit after he had completed his earthly mission.
- After the Ascension, the Apostles waited and prayed for 9 days. This is where the tradition of novena prayers comes from, since a novena is prayed over 9 consecutive days.
- Pentecost is the day that the Holy Spirit came to the disciples.
- Watch **Pentecost** by Catholic Online
 - <https://youtu.be/FvLFQhQpIKs>
- Read pages 101-102 until the top of the second column (page 175 in the teacher's manual).
- **What are the symbols of the Holy Spirit?**
- **What does "Paraclete" mean?**
- **How does the Holy Spirit help you in your life?**

[15 min] **Confirmation**

- We first received the Holy Spirit at Baptism. **What effect do you think Confirmation on us?**
- Finish reading page 102 until the first paragraph on page 103.
- Watch **Sacraments 101: Confirmation** by BustedHalo

- <https://youtu.be/Qt32SyDWuW8>
- Read **The Rite of Confirmation** on page 103.
- **Who administers Confirmation?** Usually the Bishop, unless a priest receives special permission.
- **Who is our bishop?** We currently do not have a bishop, since Bishop Robert Morlino passed away. Monsignor James Bartylla is the Diocesan Administrator until a new bishop is appointed.
- [Click here to show a picture of Bishop Morlino.](#)
- [Click here to show a picture of Msgr. Bartylla.](#)
- **What is a Confirmation Sponsor?**
- **How can a sponsor help a Confirmation Candidate?**
- Confirmation will be in the spring of Freshman year, but 8th grade is when the 2-year prep starts (as part of normal Wednesday religious ed class).

[20 min] **Patron Saints**

- To help us fully live out the faith, Confirmation candidates choose a patron saint as their Confirmation Name.
- Read **Living as Mature Christians** on pages 103-104.
- Use the Dictionary of Saint Names to read the descriptions of your students names.
- Then if you have time, look up some other saints to get them to start thinking about who they might want to choose for their Confirmation Name in the future.

[5 min] **Closing Prayer**

- Pray the **Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

V. **Do you reject Satan?**

R. I do.

V. **And all his works?**

R. I do.

V. **And all his empty promises?**

R. I do.

V. **Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?**

R. I do.

V. **Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?**

R. I do.

V. **Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?**

R. I do.

V. **God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever.**

R. Amen.

Announcement: We will have Adoration and Confession next week. We will meet at the usual class time, but will stay in Church for the entire time. Send home the Examination of Conscience handouts, or keep them in the classroom if you have time to go through it together as a class.