

Grade 8 - Lesson 17

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
 - Symbolon: Sacraments
 - <https://formed.org/study/55acfd0ca4adbbdc0d490ce2/lesson/54ee3e6e40cc1e74115a5976>
 - Note: To access formed.org, use parish code VCWD8R.
 - Pentecost by Catholic Online
 - <https://youtu.be/FvLFQhQpIKs>
 - Sacraments 101: Confirmation by BustedHalo
 - <https://youtu.be/Qt32SyDWuW8>

[15 min] **Silent Prayer**

- Bring the class into church for a few minutes of silent prayer.
- You can wait until the last 15 minutes of class if that works better for your group.

[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 full members of the Church. This process of initiation starts with Baptism.
- Watch the first 4 and a half minutes of **Symbolon: Sacraments**
 - <https://formed.org/study/55acfd0ca4addbdc0d490ce2/lesson/54ee3e6e40cc1e74115a5976>
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[15 min] **The Holy Spirit**

- Use the notes on **pages 325-327** in the teacher's manual to discuss the Holy Spirit.
- 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>
- **What are the symbols of the Holy Spirit?**
 - Wind: invisible but powerful
 - Fire: cleansing, purifying
 - Dove: peace
- The Holy Spirit is also called the **Paraclete**, which means counselor, or someone who helps and guides others.
- **How does the Holy Spirit help you in your life?**

[15 min] **Confirmation**

- Use the notes on **pages 328-330** in the teacher's manual to discuss Confirmation.
- We first received the Holy Spirit at Baptism. **What effect do you think Confirmation on us?**
- Watch **Sacraments 101: Confirmation** by BustedHalo
 - <https://youtu.be/Qt32SyDWuW8>
- **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.](#)
- **What is a Confirmation Sponsor?**
- **How can a sponsor help a Confirmation Candidate?**
- Confirmation will be in the spring of Freshman year, but it's a good idea to start thinking about choosing a sponsor.

[20 min] **Patron Saints**

- To help us fully live out the faith, Confirmation candidates choose a patron saint as their Confirmation Name.
- Use the **Dictionary of Saint Names** to look up some saints to get the students 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 not have class next week because of Spring Break, and when we meet again on April 3rd, we will have Adoration and Confession. 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.