

7th Grade – Confirmation First Year

Sacrament of Confirmation – The Didache Series

Lesson: Introduction “Why Do We Need Confirmation?”
September 11, 2022

Topic: Introduction and Familiarization

Introductions

- Rick Romanski and Joy Hice
- Icebreaker
- Flow of the meetings (prayer and intentions, recap previous week, discuss new material, review, closing prayer)

When we meet...

- Come prepared...be familiar with the chapter
- Talk, discuss, engage!
- Be respectful of others (Chatham House)
- Phones will be kept on the teacher's desk while we meet
- ASK QUESTIONS! If they are off topic, that's OK. We will have sometime carved out every few weeks to catch up on questions if they haven't been answered.

Preparing for Confirmation

- Choosing a sponsor - Five minimum requirements (p15)
- Choosing a saint
 - o Start thinking now
 - o Male or female
 - o Get familiar with more saints
 - o One who best embodies the virtues you admire most

Foundation of Faith

- How can we know God exists?
- Revelation, Deposit of Faith, Magisterium
- We will discuss these at length in the first few weeks

CCC 274 “Nothing is more apt to confirm our faith and hope than holding it fixed in our minds that nothing is impossible with God. Once our reason has grasped the idea of God's almighty power, it will easily and without any hesitation admit everything that the Creed will afterwards propose for us to believe—even if they be great and marvelous things, far above the ordinary laws of nature.”

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The Sacrament of Confirmation: Introduction (pp 1-16)

- Our ultimate destination is heaven. Starting at Baptism, God continues to help us on this journey through the Sacraments
- Receiving the Holy Spirit
- Grace – what is it, how do we receive it, how does it help us? (p3)
- The Seven Sacraments (chart on page 5)
- Sacrament of Confirmation - why we need it and importance of preparation

Fruits and Gifts of the Holy Spirit

- Gifts of the Holy Spirit – wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, fear of the Lord
- Fruits of the Holy Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control
- What's the difference?
These will be discussed in more depth in a later chapter

Four elements of living as a disciple of Christ

- prayer, holiness, witness, service - describe for yourselves (p7-8)
- Vocations

Use this book!

Keep this book in a place where you will see it often. Make a habit of reading it daily; reading one to two sections every day will keep you prepared. The practical exercises, and parent and sponsor sections are extremely valuable for growing in faith together.