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## Questions for Confirmation Candidates

### **God is a Trinity of Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**

- When we make the Sign of the Cross, we say “In the *name* [singular] of the Father, and of the Son, of the Holy Spirit.”
  - Does this mean that we believe in one God or in three?
  - How are the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit God?
- Do you believe in God? Why?
- How would you describe or explain God to a friend?
- What has been the most powerful or memorable experience of God in your life?

### **The Only Son of God: Jesus Christ**

- What does it mean that Jesus is the Savior of the world?
  - How does this make Jesus different from someone like Buddha?
- What was the purpose and meaning of Jesus’ Death and Resurrection?
- Is Jesus God? Is he human?
- Jesus Christ became human so that God would be close to us.
  - Would you like to get to know the person of Christ better?
- What is your favorite story about Jesus?
  - What has this taught you about Jesus?
- Where do you see Jesus in your own life?

### **The Holy Spirit**

- The Creed we recite on Sunday mentions the Holy Spirit.
  - What do we say about the Holy Spirit?
- Give an example of the Holy Spirit from the Bible.
- Describe a situation in your life when you felt the presence of the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus sent the Holy Spirit upon the disciples at Pentecost.<sup>42</sup> They went from being afraid to proclaiming Christ and forgiving sins in his name.
  - In light of this, what is the role of the Holy Spirit in the Church?
- The Sacrament of Confirmation focuses on the Holy Spirit.
  - What do you think is the connection between Confirmation and the Holy Spirit?
- How do you perceive the presence of the Holy Spirit in your parish?

### **The Church**

- What’s the difference between worshipping God in a church on Sunday, as part of a community (i.e., Mass), rather than just praying on your own at home?
- What role does the Church play in your life right now?
- How might the Church shape future decisions such as where you go to college or what career you pursue?

## Questions for Confirmation Candidates, cont'd

### **The Sacraments**

- Name as many of the seven sacraments as you can.
- What are some of the physical signs and symbols used in the sacraments?
- Why was your Baptism important, even if you don't remember it?
- What do you remember about your First Holy Communion?
- Were you prepared for the Sacrament of Penance (Confession or Reconciliation)?
- How do you understand Confirmation?
- Would you like to be confirmed?
- What do you hope that Confirmation will do for you?

### **The Eucharist**

- Why is it obligatory for Catholics to attend Mass on Sunday?
- Do you attend Mass on Sunday?
  - What do you get out of it?
- What is the purpose of Mass?
  - What are some of its effects?
- What does it mean to say that the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Christ?
- How does receiving Holy Communion on Sunday affect how you live during the rest of the week?

### **Discipleship**

- Who is called to be holy, to be a saint?
- Each year, on November 1, the Church celebrates the feast of All Saints.
  - Why would the Church have such a celebration?
- What characterizes the life of a follower (disciple) of Jesus Christ?
- Would you like to become a better disciple of Christ?
- Do you have the time to work on becoming a better disciple, and to prepare for Confirmation?
- Why does the Catholic Church emphasize the importance of the Blessed Virgin Mary?
- Is it true that Catholics "worship" Mary, and that we pray to statues of saints?
- When receiving Confirmation, a person can take a saint's name for this occasion.
  - What is the purpose of this custom?
- Who is a saint that you admire, and why?

### **Prayer**

- Why is it important to pray?
- What does the Our Father (Lord's Prayer) teach us about prayer?
- What is your favorite way of praying?
- What effect does prayer have in your life?
- What would you like to learn about prayer?
- How has your prayer changed since you first learned to pray?

## Questions for Parents

- Why do you desire for your child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?
- What do you do in your home to encourage prayer and faith formation?
- Are you attending Mass regularly on Sunday with your family?
- How are you and your family involved in the life of the parish community?
- In what ways do you continue to learn about your faith?
- Do you understand the expectations for your child regarding preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation? Are you willing to support your child in this process?