



St. Antony's Catholic College

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

Year 7 Religious Education – Zones 1 and 2

Instructions for the week beginning Monday 18th May 2020

Watch:

The Sacrament of Confirmation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nXqKkTcLtqs>

Read:

Information Sheets

Listen to:

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Do

- 1: Watch the Confirmation video above and read the Information Sheets.
- 2: Fill in the gaps to explain about the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is Worksheet 1.
- 3: Worksheet 2 – Answer the questions. You will find the answers in the Information Sheets.
- 4: Complete Quiz on Show My Homework.

Information Sheets (x3):

THE FIRST PENTECOST

When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky, which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. They then saw what looked like tongues of fire, which spread out and touched each person there. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

(Acts 2:1-4)



After the crucifixion of Jesus, the Apostles were scared and hid away in a room, because they were afraid of what might happen to them. The Holy Spirit gave them the strength and courage they needed to carry out the task of spreading the Good News about the Resurrection of Jesus.

Confirmation is another Sacrament of initiation just like Baptism, where the gifts received at Baptism are sealed. The Holy Spirit is given to set people aside for a special task, which is to be a witness to Christ's Resurrection and triumph over death. At Confirmation the promises made at Baptism by the parents are made by the candidate. The candidate is choosing good and rejecting bad in their life. The symbolic gifts of the spirit received here are not so much received as awakened, because each of us already has these gifts.



Service of Confirmation

Preparation

- To prepare for Confirmation, the candidate will go to classes and sometimes a retreat, which is a day of reflection to think about what it means to be a Christian.
- There is usually a meeting for parents to find a sponsor for the candidate, (usually a Godparent or a close friend or relative).

Presentation of the Candidate

- Each candidate is given a confirmation card with their details on e.g. their chosen name and their sponsor. During the ceremony each candidate is presented to the Bishop.

Renewing the Baptism promises

- As most children in the Roman Catholic tradition are baptised as babies, the Sacrament of Confirmation is an opportunity for them to make the Baptism promises for themselves.
- It is for this reason that the candidate's promises to choose good and re-affirms their faith in God the Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

The laying on of hands

- The ceremony takes place during Mass and the Bishop carries out Confirmation. The Bishop places his hands over the head of the candidate. This is a sign of being chosen for a special task e.g. in the Old Testament prophets would do this to kings.
- The laying on of hands symbolises the power of the Holy Spirit, which gives the candidate power and strength. The candidate has been chosen to bear witness to the values and teachings of Jesus.

Anointing with Chrism

- Just like in Baptism, Chrism oil is used as a symbol of strength and courage.
- Each candidate steps forward and kneels in front of the Bishop; the sponsor places their right hand on the candidate's shoulder.
- The Bishop then lays his Hands on the candidate's head and puts the Chrism oil on their forehead making the Sign of the Cross and saying;

"Receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit"

- **The candidate replies "Amen"**

The Bishop then gives the Sign of Peace to the candidate by saying; - **"Peace be with you"**

- **The candidate replies "And also with you."**



- The Mass then continues, and at the end of the Mass a special blessing is given.

Signs used in confirmation

Laying on of Hands; - Strength & Courage.

Oil of Chrism; - Chosen & a sign of God's loving relationship with humans

Sign of the Cross; - Belonging to God

Sign of Peace; - Holy Spirit is represented as a Dove and a Dove is a symbol of peace. The Holy Spirit brings peace between humans and God.

The Naming; - Symbolic from the Old Testament, God called people by name before giving them a task. It is not necessary to take a Confirmation name; the Christian name is sufficient. Candidate called to bear witness to the teachings of Jesus.

The Gifts of The Holy Spirit

It is important to know the gifts of the spirit which are received during the Sacrament of Confirmation which are given during the laying on of hands, where the Bishop says; -

"....Send down your Holy Spirit upon them to be there helper and guide.

Give them the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence...."

(Catechism of the Catholic Church 1299)

WORKSHEET 1:

Fill in the gaps using the words below!

When a person is _____ enough to make their own _____ they are expected to _____ their baptismal _____ in the sacrament of _____.

Confirmation is important because it gives the _____ of grace and the _____ _____ which completes the sacraments of _____ and makes the person a full member of the _____.

- old
- Church
- initiation
- vows
- gifts
- Holy Spirit
- Confirmation
- renew
- decision

WORKSHEET 2:

Answer the questions after reading the information sheets...

- 1) Name another sacrament of initiation? *Hint: Initiation means 'welcome'*

- 2) Who confirms the candidate?

- 3) Pick four gifts of the Holy Spirit and explain what you think they mean.

- 4) What is a sponsor?

- 5) Why are these parts of the service important?
 - a) the laying on of hands
 - b) anointing in the sacrament

- 6) Why are the baptismal promises renewed at Confirmation?

- 7) What happened at Pentecost? *Hint: Read the bold text on the first information sheet*