

NOTE TO ALL LEVEL 8 STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Subject: Confirmation Spiritual Journey 2017.

It is hard to fathom that we will not be coming together again until September and that is four months away. Even though we will not have regular RF classes we are still obliged to live our FAITH in its entirety, in the way that we talk, act and in our overall attitude. By looking at us, others should see that there is goodness about us and we would know, deep in our being, which is because of JESUS and his presence in us.

We never take a vacation from God, from living our Faith and responding to God's call deep within our own being. We never take a vacation from our Community of Faith which is the Catholic Church, and preparing for Confirmation means just this: the response to God to live within the Catholic Faith Community.

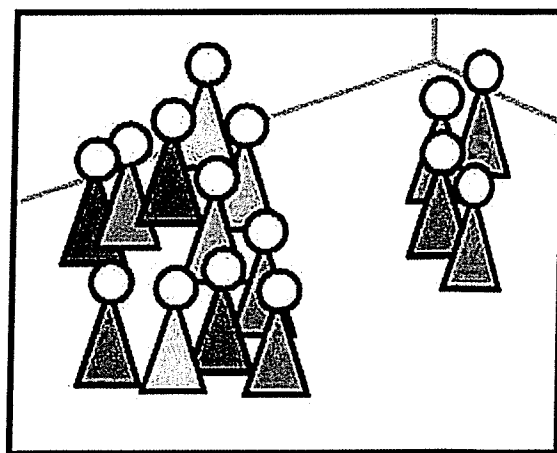
When we come together in September it will be just a few weeks before the big event of **CONFIRMATION**. I have prepared the summer project here attached because I want to make sure that some basic things you have learned will stay fresh in your mind. It is basically a reflection project with two parts: conversations with your sponsor and Mass attendance long. I hope you will enjoy doing it and learning from it. It is due back at the first Level 9 RF Session in September.

Have a wonderful and blessed summer,

Sr. Clare V. Sabini, fmij
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"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in SPEECH, in LIFE, in LOVE, in FAITH and in PURITY".

(From the Letter of St. Paul to Timothy)



YOU are to return this Spiritual Journal for Confirmation to your Catechist on Sunday, September 17, 2017, fully completed.

Do the best you can and work this project as coming from the best version of yourself. A copy of this Journal will be emailed to your parents sometime in June, when we communicate the date of Confirmation.

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Confirmation Candidates Reflections and "Spiritual Journey 2017"



We as the Catholic Church believe that the First Confirmation happened when the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles. What do we call this event?

Look at the picture on the left. Who are the people in the picture and why are they there?



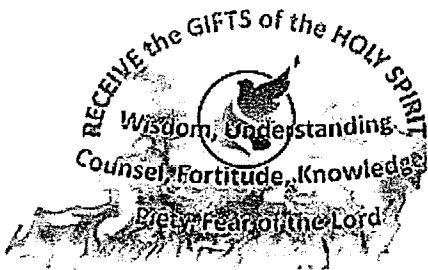
Define, in your own words, the Sacrament of Confirmation.

With Confirmation come the Gifts of the Holy Spirit to help you live like Jesus wants you to. The gifts will work only with your cooperation and commitment.

In your own words tell how each gift of the Holy Spirit can help you live like Jesus wants you to.

Wisdom: _____

Understanding: _____



Counsel: _____

Fortitude: _____

Knowledge: _____

Prayerfulness: _____

Awe and Wonder: _____

What difference can “Confirmation” make in your own life now and in the future?

Now that you have completed or are at the point of completing your Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, reflect back on what these Acts of Mercy have meant to you over the past two years. Explain how your heart changed for the better as a result of completing these Acts.

Which of the actions you performed touched you most and how?

Jesus explained that all we do should reveal our faith in HIM and our Faithfulness to HIM. Supposing that you are in a conversation with Jesus, explain to HIM how you intend to respond to His invitation to Faith and Faithfulness.

Why a Confirmation Sponsor?

Primarily, the duty of a confirmation sponsor is to inspire the candidate to lead a life of holiness. Although there are many forms of inspirations, leading by example is usually the form that suggests commitment. The Sponsor, therefore, is to inspire by example, commitment and the practice of virtue. Although sponsors are not perfect, their attempts to attain holiness should be genuine, sincere and obvious, and it should inspire the candidate for the remainder of his or her life.

The sponsor for Confirmation is invited to consider the necessity to pray especially hard for the candidate, as well as for himself/herself in order to be worthy of the role of "sponsor". Prayer is an effective way of gently bestowing spiritual graces upon the candidate for spiritual readiness.

If your sponsor lives close to you, ask if you and him/her could take time to spend together over the summer months. If your sponsor is far away, schedule several phone conversations to talk to him or her. Discuss about Faith, Confirmation, the Christian way of living and let a new spiritual bonding take place. Make up a list of questions to ask your sponsor in reference to our Faith and your Confirmation to guide your conversations.

What is the name of your sponsor? _____

Why did you and your parents choose him or her? _____

How would you describe your sponsor in terms of being a practicing Catholic and a person of Faith?

Report three meetings or conversations you had with your sponsor.

1) What was your conversation about? _____

2) What was your conversation about? _____

3) What was your conversation about? _____

What impresses you most in his/her faith/believing that is an example to you?

What is your Confirmation name? _____

Who is your patron saint whose name you chose? _____

What is one unique characteristic of this saint?

ON the Day of Confirmation, as you approach the Bishop, or whoever stands for him, HE signs you with the Sign of the Cross on your forehead. What does He say to you?

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WITH THE
HOLY
SPIRIT
Continuously

What is to be your response? _____

The Bishop then shakes your hand. What does He say to you?

What is to be your response? _____

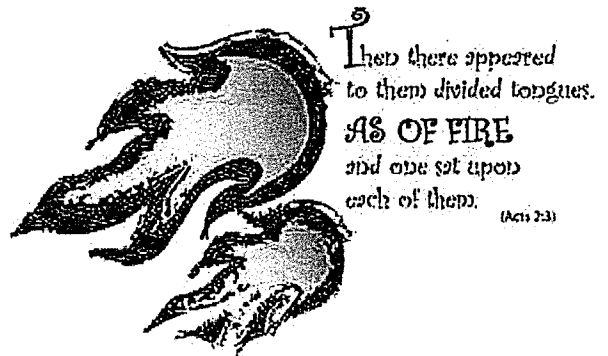


Symbols of Confirmation:

What does Holy Chrism symbolize in our Confirmation Rite?

Holy Chrism

Why is the "Flame of Fire" used to symbolize the Holy Spirit?



What does the color "red", especially used at Confirmation, symbolize? _____

Over the summer months, you will be attending Mass whether you stay in town or travel. Please report at least four times that you attended Mass.

1 - Give date _____ What was the Gospel of the Lord about? _____

What was the Homily about? _____

2 - Give date _____ What was the Gospel of the Lord about? _____

What was the Homily about? _____

3 - Give date _____ What was the Gospel of the Lord about? _____

What was the Homily about? _____

4 - Give date _____ What was the Gospel of the Lord about? _____

What was the Homily about? _____

If you travelled and attended Mass in another Church, give the town _____,
State____, Country _____.

Describe what you remember of the Church: _____

If you travelled and attended Mass in yet another Church, give the town _____,
State____, Country _____.

Describe what you remember of the Church: _____

