



Our Lady of Mercy L.I.G.H.T. Youth Ministry

Confirmation Prep – Makeup Assignment

Choose two of the following topics. Write your answers in paragraph form. Return it to the Religious Education office or your facilitator as soon as possible to receive credit for this class.

1) The sacrament of Confirmation is a gift. Why? To help you answer fully, also consider answering the following questions:

How is Confirmation a sacrament?

Why do you renew your Baptismal vows during the ceremony?

How do we practically reject Satan, his works, and his empty promises in our daily lives?

Why is it significant to have a bishop lay hands on your head?

Why is it significant that in Confirmation we are anointed with Chrism oil?

2) The Holy Spirit transforms people. Many examples of this transformation are in the Old and New Testaments in the Bible: Joshua (Book of Joshua), Samuel (Book of Judges), Saul (Samuel I), David (Samuel I & II), Jesus' Baptism (Gospel of Mark), and the disciples at Pentecost (Acts of the Apostles). *(Inside the parentheses are the books of the Bible where you can read about these people.)* Choose two of the examples above and research the passages in your Bible. Explain who the passages were about, how the characters were before receiving the Holy Spirit, and what happened after they were changed by the Holy Spirit.

3) Confirmation is a journey. Receiving this sacrament of initiation, you become a full-fledged member of the Catholic Church. What is the mission of confirmed Catholics? What are you planning to do in the Church after being confirmed? Think about what you can do at Our Lady of Mercy now? What do you plan on doing in the Catholic Church when you are college-aged, in your twenties, thirties, etc.?

4) Who is the Holy Spirit? How does the Spirit work in your life? Why is it so important that we know and love him? Why is the Holy Spirit likened to fire? Why is the Holy Spirit likened to wind or breath? Where do you see the power of the Holy Spirit at work?

5) The fruits of the Spirit are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory. The tradition of the Church lists twelve of them: charity; joy; peace; patience; kindness; goodness; generosity; gentleness; faithfulness; modesty; self-control; and chastity. Pick one of these fruits of the Holy Spirit and write how you exhibit it in your own life.

6) The gifts of the Holy Spirit are: wisdom; understanding; counsel; fortitude; knowledge; piety; and fear of the Lord. Choose one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and find out as much as you can about the gift. Define the gift. Who is someone you know that you would say has this gift? What are examples of that person's actions that portray the gift? What are some practical ways to live out the gift?

