

Interviews for Confirmation

Parents should talk with their children about their Confirmation interview and prepare them for the questions that may be asked. The confirmation interview is a time for the Priest to question the one being confirmed about their faith. It is recommended that parents attend the interview with their children. These Confirmation discernment interviews allow the clergy to develop mutual personal relationships and understanding of the candidates' readiness and willingness to be Confirmed.

Possible Questions for the Final Confirmation Interview

CONSIDER EACH QUESTION: If any of these are really hard for you to answer, talk to your parents and teachers. This is an opportunity for you and the Church to discern your readiness for the Sacrament of Confirmation!

PLEASE WEAR ATTIRE APPROPRIATE FOR CHURCH. THANK YOU.

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1. Who are the people who pray for you?
 2. Which angels and saints are interceding for you?
 3. Who are the people who are trying to help you get to heaven?
 4. Do you make it a point to help others? In what ways?
 5. What have you done for the salvation of someone else?
 6. Are you willing to talk to people about Jesus?
 7. How important is it to you to help people believe in Jesus, belong to His Church, receive the Sacraments and go to heaven?
 8. How would you act in the following situations:
 - You meet a Protestant friend who asks you, "Why are you a Catholic? What difference does it make to be a Catholic?"
 - A friend of yours remarks, "I don't understand why you can't just go to your room and tell God that you're sorry for your sins. Why tell a priest that you're sorry?"
 - Someone says to you that certain Catholic teachings cannot be found in the Bible – for example, Purgatory and the Assumption into heaven of the Blessed Virgin; and then ask, "How can you believe in these teachings when they are not in the Bible?"
 - A friend of yours says that a person should do what feels right. The friend says, "I don't feel bad if I shoplift, so how can that be wrong?"
 9. How do you intend to continue to learn more about Jesus and His Church?
 10. Are you prepared to live the teachings of Christ and His Church, i.e. what the Pope and the bishops in union with him teach?
 11. How do you intend to be active in the Church after Confirmation?
 12. What are the works of the parish that you could do?
 13. What is the importance of attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation?
 14. What is the importance of frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance? When must you go to Confession?
 15. How have you made prayer more a part of my life?
 16. How have you incorporated reading Sacred Scripture into your relationship with God?
 17. What is your favorite Gospel story?
 18. When were the Apostles hiding in the upper room?
 19. What's the difference between the Resurrection and the Ascension?
 20. What were Our Lord's last instructions to the Apostles before He ascended into heaven?
 21. What were the Apostles doing in the upper room before Pentecost?
 22. What happened at Pentecost?
 23. What did the Apostles start doing after Pentecost?
 24. What's the difference between the Ascension and the Assumption?
 25. Is God asking me to be a saint?
 26. What are the vocations to which God might be calling me?
 27. Why do I want to be confirmed?

The Religion Clock

One

1. **ONE GOD**
infinite, created all things
only one ME
2. **One Person who is Vicar of Christ right now.**

Two

1. **TWO NATURES IN CHRIST**
 2. human—truly man
 3. divine—truly God
2. **TWO TESTAMENTS OF THE BIBLE**
 1. Old
 2. New
3. **Two sons of Adam and Eve.**
 1. Cain
 2. Abel
4. **TWO KINDS OF SIN**
 1. Mortal
 2. Venial
5. **TWO KINDS OF GRACE**
 1. Sanctifying
 2. Actual (includes sacramental grace)
6. **TWO KINDS OF VIRTUES**
 - Theological - (Faith, Hope, and Love)
 - Moral - (Prudence, Justice, Temperance, and Fortitude...also called “cardinal virtues” or “chief moral virtues”)
7. **TWO JUDGMENTS**
 1. Particular (at death when we see our sins)
 2. General (at end of the world when we see the effect of our sins)
8. **TWO GREAT COMMANDMENTS THAT CONTAIN THE WHOLE LAW OF GOD.**
 1. First, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind, and with thy whole strength.”
 2. Second, “Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.”
9. **TWO KINDS OF INDULGENCE**
 1. Plenary (Pays the debt of all our sins)
 2. Partial (Pays part of the debt of all our sins)
10. **TWO KINDS OF PRAYER**
 1. Mental
 2. Vocal

Confirmation Interview Questions

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Three

1. THREE PERSONS IN ONE GOD

1. Father—creator
2. Son—redeemer
3. Spirit—sanctifier

like a shamrock/candle flame/ice, water, steam

2. THREE ARCHANGELS

1. Michael
2. Gabriel
3. Raphael

3. THREE THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES

1. Faith
2. Hope
3. Love (Charity)

4. THREE WISEMEN

1. Gaspar
2. Melchior
3. Balthasar

5. THREE GIFTS OF THE WISEMEN

1. Gold
2. Frankincense
3. Myrrh

6. THREE DISCRIPTIONS OF GOD.

1. All Powerful (Omnipotent)
2. All Knowing (Omniscient)
3. All present (Omnipresent)

7. THREE WAYS WE CAN SIN.

1. Thought
2. Word
3. Deed

8. THREE THINGS THAT MAKE UP A SIN

1. Serious matter (it is wrong)
2. Sufficient reflection (you know it is wrong)
3. Full consent of the will (you do it anyway)

9. THREE CHIEF ATTRIBUTES OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH (They are qualities perfecting the nature of the Church)

1. Authority
2. Infallibility
3. Indefectibility

10. THREE WAYS TO SEPARATE FROM THE CHURCH

1. Heresy
2. Apostasy
3. Schism

11. THREE EVANGELICAL COUNSELS

1. Poverty
2. Chastity
3. Obedience

12. THREE TYPES OF BAPTISM

1. Water
2. Blood (Killed for the Faith before baptism)
3. Desire (Wishes to be baptized by dies before event)

13. THREE PARTS TO A SACRAMENT

1. Outward sign (evident to one of more of our physical senses)
2. Instituted (started) by Christ
3. To give grace

14. THREE STEPS TO PERFECTION IN THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

1. Purgation (Reject our sinful practices)
2. Illumination (Open our eyes to God's presence)
3. Unification (Embrace the Trinity)

15. What are the three “transcendental in viewing God?”

1. Good (St. Augustine)
2. Truth (St. Thomas Aquinas)
3. Beautiful (Cardinal Balthasar)

Four

1. FOUR GOSPEL WRITERS

1. Matthew—apostle, tax collector (Angel as symbol)
2. Mark—disciple of Peter (Lion as symbol)
3. Luke—disciple of Paul (Ox as symbol)
4. John—apostle, the “beloved disciple” (Eagle as symbol)

2. FOUR CARDINAL VIRTUES

1. Prudence
2. Justice
3. Temperance
4. Fortitude

3. FOUR MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

1. Joyful
2. Luminous
3. Sorrowful
4. Glorious

4. FOUR MARKS OF THE CHURCH

1. One
2. Holy
3. Catholic
4. Apostolic

5. FOUR Ways to Pray to God

1. Adoration
2. Glorification
3. Thanksgiving
4. Petition

5. Five

1. FIVE WOUNDS OF CHRIST

- Side (1)
- Hands (2)
- Feet (2)

2. Five parts of a good confession:

- 1. examination of conscience
- 2. contrition
- 3. confession
- 4. resolution
- 5. penance

3. Five decades of Each Mystery of the Rosary

Joyful

- 1. Annunciation
- 2. Visitation
- 3. Nativity
- 4. Presentation
- 5. Finding the Child in the Temple)

Luminous

- 1. Baptism in River Jordan
- 2. Wedding Feast of Cana
- 3. Proclamation of the Kingdom
- 4. Transfiguration
- 5. Institution of the Eucharist)

Sorrowful

- 1. Agony in the Garden
- 2. Scourging at the pillar
- 3. Crowning of thorns
- 4. Jesus carries His cross
- 5. Jesus dies upon His cross.

Glorious

- 1. Resurrection
- 2. Ascension
- 3. Descent of the Holy Spirit
- 4. Presentation of the Blessed Mother
- 5. Mary is crowned queen of heaven and earth

4. FIVE STEPS TO A GOOD CONFESSION

- 1. Examine your conscience
- 2. Be Truly Sorry
- 3. Have purpose of amendment (intend to avoid the sin in the future)
- 4. Confess your sins
- 5. Accept your penance

Six

1. SIX HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION (IN ADDITION TO EVERY SUNDAY)

1. January 1–Mary, Mother of God
2. Ascension Thursday–(date varies)
3. August 15–Assumption of Mary
4. November 1–All Saints
5. December 8–Immaculate Conception
6. December 25–Christ’s birth

2. SIX LAWS OF THE CHURCH

1. Assist at Mass on all Sundays and holy days of obligation
2. Fast and abstain on the days appointed
3. Confess our sins at least once a year
4. Receive Holy Communion during the Easter time
5. Contribute to the support of the Church
6. Observe the laws of the Church concerning marriage

Seven

1. SEVEN SACRAMENTS

1. Baptism
2. Penance
3. Holy Eucharist
4. Confirmation
5. Matrimony
6. Holy Orders
7. Anointing of the Sick

2. Seven Capital Sins (PCLAGES)

1. Pride
2. Covetousness (Greed)
3. Lust
4. Anger
5. Glutton
6. Envy
7. Sloth

3. SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Wisdom
2. Understanding
3. Knowledge
4. Counsel
5. Piety
6. Fortitude
7. Fear of the Lord

4. SEVEN CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

1. Feed the hungry
2. Give drink to the thirsty
3. Clothe the naked
4. Visit the imprisoned
5. Shelter the homeless
6. Visit the Sick
7. Bury the Dead

5. SEVEN SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

1. Admonish the sinner
2. Instruct the ignorant
3. Counsel the doubtful
4. Comfort the sorrowful
5. Bear wrongs patiently
6. Forgive all injuries
7. Pray for the living and the dead.

Eight

1. EIGHT BEATITUDES

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
2. Blessed are the meek: for they shall possess the land.
3. Blessed are they who mourn: for they shall be comforted
4. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice: for they shall have their fill.
5. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
6. Blessed are the clean of heart: for they shall see God.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
8. Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Nine

1. NINE FIRST FRIDAYS

Our Lord promised St. Margaret Mary Alocque that those who receive Holy Communion on nine consecutive First Fridays, and receive the Sacrament of Penance will not die in God's displeasure.

2. What is a Novena?

A novena is a devotional prayer lasting nine days.

3. Nine choirs of angels.

1. Seraphim
2. Cherubim
3. Thrones
4. Dominions
5. Virtues
6. Powers
7. Principalities
8. Archangels
9. Angels

Ten

1. TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. I am the Lord your God; you shall not have other gods besides Me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Eleven

ELEVEN APOSTLES REMAINED FAITHFUL

1. Peter (Simon)
2. Andrew
3. James the Great
4. John
5. Thomas
6. James the Less
7. Philip
8. Bartholomew
9. Matthew
10. Simon the Zealot
11. Jude
12. Thaddeus

Twelve

1. TWELVE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Charity
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Patience
5. Goodness
6. long-suffering
7. humility
8. faithfulness
9. modesty
10. continence
11. chastity
12. kindness

2. TWELVE APOSTLES

1. Simon/Peter
2. Andrew
3. James the Great
4. John
5. Philip
6. Bartholomew
7. Thomas
8. Matthew
9. James the Less
10. Thaddaeus
11. Simon the Zealot
12. Judas Iscariot replaced by Matthias

