

WHAT TO EXPECT FOR THE CONFIRMATION INTERVIEW

PREPARATION

You should reflect on what you have studied and done in the last 2 years to prepare for the Sacrament, and your personal thoughts/feelings about receiving the sacrament.

Questions for reflection include:

- What is the meaning of the sacrament of Confirmation?
- Why do you want to be confirmed? (get beyond clichés like "to become an adult in the Church...")
- Why do we choose a Confirmation sponsor? Who did you choose as a sponsor and why?
- Why do we choose a Confirmation name? Which saint name did you choose and why?
- Where in the Church did you serve for your Service Hours? Why? Did you encounter Christ in others through your service? How?
- How might you want to serve in the Church and/or community after Confirmation?
- What are the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit (listed on next page) that are strengthened in the Sacrament of Confirmation?
- What gift or gifts of the Holy Spirit do you feel you need most at this time in your life?
- What does the word disciple mean? What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? What does that look and feel like in your daily life?

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

In Baptism, we receive the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit. In Confirmation, these gifts are strengthened in us so that we may have the help we need to be disciples of Jesus.

- **Counsel (also known as Right Judgement).**
The gift of right judgment is the ability to know the difference between right and wrong and then to choose what is good.
- **Understanding.**
The gift of understanding is the ability to comprehend how we must live as followers of Jesus.
- **Fear of the Lord (also known as the Awe and Wonder).**
Though we can approach God with the trust of little children, we are also often aware of God's total majesty, unlimited power, and desire for justice.
- **Fortitude (also known as Courage).**
The gift of courage enables us to take risks and to overcome fear as we try to live out the Gospel of Jesus. The Spirit gives Christians the strength to confront and ultimately overcome the many challenges they face.
- **Knowledge.**
The gift of knowledge is the ability to comprehend the basic meaning and message of Jesus.
- **Wisdom.**
Through wisdom the ups and downs of our lives take on deeper meaning and purpose.
- **Piety (also known as Reverence).**
Through the gift of reverence, we can come before God with the openness and trust of small children, totally dependent on the One who created us.

Remember the Acronym: **CUFFKWP**

