

Session 7: Sponsor & Parent Night (Works of Mercy) November 13, 2023

Queen of Apostles Confirmation Preparation 2023-2024

This session's objectives:

- To encourage Candidates and Sponsors to develop their Christian friendship and help them appreciate one another's gifts and talents, especially through mutual service
- To teach Sponsors, Parents & Candidates about the Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy and introduce the Gifts of the Spirit
- To educate Sponsors about key components of their role in the sacrament of Confirmation

This session's program:

1. **Name-tag pick-up / Gifts and Talents icebreaker** 10 minutes 6:45
 - *sponsors & candidates pair up to fill in a "personality profile" on likes and abilities*
 - *sponsors and candidates discuss Confirmation Name saint & what has been covered so far in class – also discuss what they like or find difficult about being Catholic*
2. **Welcome / Opening Prayer** (*sing "Pan de Vida" v. 1-2*) 5 minutes 6:55
3. **Introductory Talk by Fr. Jason Malave** 10 minutes 7:00
4. **Videos: Corporal Works of Mercy** 20 minutes 7:10
from [Catholic Central \(English\)](#) and [Lente Catolico \(Spanish\)](#)
5. **Exploration: Works of Mercy (Candidates & Sponsors)** 25 minutes 7:30
 - *refer to handout with pictures illustrating both types of Works of Mercy*
 - *discuss the videos: Which **Corporal** Work of Mercy stood out to you?*
 - *Which do you feel you do the most/best, whether in your own family or in your community?*
 - *Which do you feel drawn to do more of or think more deeply about?*
 - *look at the pictures and discuss the **Spiritual** Works of Mercy:*
 - *Which do you feel you do the most/best, whether in your own family or in your community?*
 - *Which do you feel drawn to do more of or think more deeply about?*
 - *go through "Saints of Mercy" worksheet and debate the answers*
6. **Candidate Service Hours / Role of Sponsors (Rachel)** 15 minutes 7:55
 - *service opportunities & requirements* - *handout on Sponsor responsibilities*
7. **Gifts of the Spirit Demonstration (Rachel)** 10 minutes 8:10
 - *gift opened, cards to each candidate & Sponsor(s)*
 - *intro to rite of anointing, speaking with Bishop*
8. **Reminders & Closing Prayer** 10 minutes 8:20
 - *St. Ignatius' Prayer for Generosity (from slides)*

Homework for Candidates:

- finish handouts and worksheets from this class with your Sponsor
 - schedule time to meet, even virtually!
- **next class** for all students after Thanksgiving – homework from last week due
 - **Confirmation Name Reflection due** Mon. 11/27 (*Track A*) or Fri. 12/1 (*Track B*)
 - work on meeting your service hours!