Session 16: Connecting Beyond Confirmation

35 min 7:40

Queen of Apostles Confirmation Preparation 2024-2025

This session's objectives:

- To practice the movements and responses of the rite of the Confirmation Mass
- To foster a continuing connection with Jesus and with the Church community through awareness of one's spiritual gifts and desire for continued involvement past Confirmation day
- To assemble lists of Candidates interested in various types of ministries, to be used to assign roles in the Confirmation Mass and/or forwarded to heads of those ministries for follow-up in the Spring

This session's program:

- 1. Name-tag pick-up; check in about Conf interviews <u>& proofread Conf Names</u> 5 min 6:45
- 2. **Icebreaker: Spiritual Gifts inventory** (at tables; intro'd by Rachel) 15 min 6:50 assign value 1-5 for each question, circle top 3-5 values, then see which gifts those match to
- 3. **Opening Prayer** *prayer in the Alpha format,* w/ 1 Cor 12:4-11 (Rachel) 5 min 7:05
- 4. The Rite of Confirmation (Rachel, w/ some action at tables) 15 min 7:10
 practice Presentation of Candidates, Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Laying on of Hands and Anointing with Chrism (using a previous year's program)
 catechists practice the interaction of Anointing w/ Chrism, calling each candidate by name
- 5. Video: *It's Not Graduation* (intro'd by Rachel) 5 min 7:25
- 6. Parish Involvement Questions: Give and Take (at tables)10 min7:30
 - fill out 2-part questionnaire individually, ways to give & serve; share responses if time
- 7. Parish Involvement Ministry Fair (panel discussion)

- catechists/guests share witnesses (~5 min) about their ministry or personal practices

- parish Youth Ministry: Joe Rosales
- Eucharistic Ministry: Melissa Richlen & Pascale Larre Vargas
- Lectors: Rachel Hohner
- explain what ministry is, what participation looks like, opportunities for youth
- witness to rewards of doing this kind of work for the parish or for yourself
- invite and answer questions from candidates
- take names of those interested in learning more about parish ministries (<u>not</u> a firm commitment to join, but an <u>expression of interest</u> in shadowing, training, invitation, etc.)
- at end, Rachel may help <u>brainstorm</u> ways candidates can participate (joining, volunteering at events, praying for them, donating money, etc.) following their Confirmation
- 8. Video: *What's Your Vocation?* with Fr. Charlie & Sr. Alicia (Rachel) 5 min 8:15 - introduce with relationship between <u>ministry</u> and the <u>vocation</u> it may lead to
- 9. Homework and Retreat Reminders 5 min 8:20 - distribute applications for Father Jim Kaczorowski Loving Service Award, due in April!
- 10. Closing Prayer ("Go Make of All Disciples!", verses 1, 2 & 3)5 min 8:25

Homework and Reminders:

Retreat II with Reconciliation this Fri. 2/28, 4:30pm-8:30pm at St M Church (*some parts in St M Gym*) Homework due at next class: **journal pages 55, 56, 57**

Next class will be split: *Track A* Mon. 3/3 6:45-8:30pm *Track*

Track B Wed. 3/5 & Thurs. 3/6 in Religion