## **Session 19: The Gift of Grace (Final Class)**

Queen of Apostles Confirmation Preparation 2024-2025

## This session's objectives:

- To review what we have learned in Confirmation Prep this year
- To foster active and meaningful participation in the Confirmation Mass and for a life of faith to follow afterward
- To reflect on the transformative role of grace in our lives through Scripture and witness

## **This session's program:**

- 1. Check-in & name-tag pick-up; proofread tags for Conf Name & Sponsor(s)? 5 min 6:45
- 2. **Opening Prayer** (*Prayer to the Holy Spirit and Luke 10:38-42*) 5 min 6:50
- 3. **Icebreaker: Are you Martha or Mary** (at tables, pairs or whole class) 10 min 6:55 share suggestions of how to be a good listener
- 4. **Review: Confirmation** (at tables/groups; intro'd by Rachel/Joe/Anne) 15 min 7:05
  - What is Confirmation? What do I hope will be the result of my Confirmation?
  - respond individually in writing (5 min), then discuss & share with the table/group (10 min)
- 5. **Being Confirmed, Receiving Grace** (Rachel/Joe/Anne)

10 min 7:20

- comments on the nature of grace and growth after Confirmation
- 2 minute video <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m4Q5y\_g5-e0">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m4Q5y\_g5-e0</a> of personal reflections
- Confirmation becomes known "when you do things" afterward
- review basketball image for life in the Church after Confirmation; Sponsors etc. as coaches
- 6. Grace & Gratitude (Rachel/Anne/Joe)

10 min 7:30

- Ken Yasinski video "All is Grace,", <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=STBV8pakvnU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=STBV8pakvnU</a>
- show thanks at your Confirmation to "coaches" who have helped you prepare, write note!
- call to continuing conversion & as messengers (angels or apostles, in the Greek sense)
- 7. **Breakout: Continuing Conversion** (at tables)

15-25 min 7:40

- groups read 1 passage together from Acts of the Apostles, plan/practice **brief skit or** tableau to <u>present the main scene</u> & <u>describe what happened f</u>or others in the class
- recommend Track B breaks into 3 skit groups of 4-6 students to have enough actors GREEN & BLUE: Ascension & the Upper Room, Acts 1:1-14 PURPLE & ORANGE: Pentecost, Acts 2:1-11

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8. **Groups Present & Explain Skits** to whole class 10 min 8:05

- A conversion has happened in this story. Who **changed** their behavior? (the apostles, Saul) Who or what **coached** them along the way? (Jesus/the men in white; the H.S.; Ananias)
- 9. **Rehearsal & Mass Reminders & Closing Prayer** (Rachel/Anne/Joe) 10-15 min 8:15
  - explain <u>Confirmation Novena</u> review arrival times, guests & clothing recommendations - tips for Mass: "Choose the better part." Be truly present. Set a good example. Maintain a
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  - Prayer: Lorica of St. Patrick (sung "Christ Be Beside Me")

## **Reminders:**

- Rehearsals/Practices (*next*) Wednesday, April 2 at both churches;
  - be @ church 15 minutes early if possible so we can start on time & you don't miss anything
  - Bring your Sponsor(s), or a parent or other adult family member as a "stunt-double."
  - 6 p.m. Rehearsal at St. Matthias Church to practice for the 10 a.m. English Mass
  - 7:30 p.m. Rehearsal at Queen of Angels Church to practice for 1:30 p.m. Bilingual Mass
- Confirmation Masses on Saturday, April 5 at both churches (as described above)