

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 in our parish 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 later in the Spring

This session's program:

1. **Name-tag pick-up; proofread Confirmation Name & Sponsor(s) nametags** 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** (led by Rachel) 5 min 7:05
sing "Ven, Oh Espiritu/Come, Holy Spirit" with simple prayer in the Alpha format
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 min 7:30
- fill out 2-part questionnaire individually, ways to give & serve; share responses if time
7. **Parish Involvement Ministry Fair (panel discussion)** 35 min 7:40
- catechists/guests share witnesses (~5 min) about their parish ministry
- **Eucharistic Ministry:** youth Madeline Herman with Melissa Richlen
- **Lectors:** youth Elizabeth Richlen with Rachel Hohner
- **Music Ministry:** youth Philip Kyle with guest Ethan Valentin
- explain what ministry is, what participation looks like, opportunities for youth
- witness to rewards of doing this kind of service for the parish or for yourself
- invite and answer questions from candidates
- take names of those interested in learning more about parish ministries (not a firm commitment to join, but an expression of interest in shadowing, training, invitation, etc.)
- at end, Rachel may help brainstorm ways candidates can participate (joining, volunteering at events, attending Teen Triduum, praying, donating, etc.) following their Confirmation
8. **Reminders, Homework and Novena** 10 min 8:15
- Fr. Jim Kaczorowski Loving Service Award, due in late March, request recommendations!
- explain **Confirmation Novena** - review arrival times, guests & clothing recommendations
- **tips for Mass:** "Choose the better part." Be truly present. Set a good example. Maintain a prayerful attitude. Be prepared. Speak from your heart. Sing out. Celebrate! **NO PHONES**
9. **Closing Prayer** "Go Make of All Disciples!", v. 1-3, maybe w/ Hallow prayer 5 min 8:25

Homework and Reminders:

- pray your **Confirmation Novena** beginning this Fri. 2/27 - **journal page 57**; can use the rest of your journal for continuing reflection after Confirmation (*suggested in Novena handout*)
- Rehearsals/Practices **next Wednesday, March 4 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, March 7 at both churches (as described above)