

Level 8 ~ Confirmation Study Guide

Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is God, the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, who dwells in us through sanctifying grace.

What does the Holy Spirit do for us?

The Spirit strengthens us and makes us holy, the Spirit enables us to love, spread and defend our faith.

What are the Sacraments of Initiation?

The Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. We are born in Baptism, strengthened in Confirmation and nourished by the Eucharist.

What are the effects of Baptism?

Baptism makes us members of the Church and temples of the Trinity. It cleanses us from sin and fills us with divine life, and makes us children of God and heirs of heaven. Through Baptism, we share in the universal priesthood of Christ and assume all the rights and duties of a member of the Church.

What does confirmation do for us?

Confirmation increases the life of the Spirit within us, through this new outpouring of the Spirit, we are strengthened to profess, defend and spread the faith. We are empowered to give witness to Jesus and to carry on his mission. We are linked more closely with Christ and the Christian community.

Where can the main truths of the Catholic Church be found and what are they?

They can be found in the Apostles Creed and the Nicene Creed. We are one, holy, catholic & apostolic.

How many Sacraments are there?

Seven - Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation (Sacraments of Initiation) - Matrimony, Holy Orders (Sacraments of Service) & Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick (Sacraments of Healing)

Name the kinds of sin?

Original Sin - we are all born with - 1st sin of Adam & Eve

Actual sin - Sin we commit ourselves Mortal (Serious Sins) & Venial (Lesser sins)

Necessary elements for sin to be mortal

a) serious matter b) sufficient reflection (knew it was seriously wrong) c) full consent of the will (freely and willingly chose to do it)

The Beatitudes How can you live them?

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the earth.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for justice, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for justice's sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Ten Commandments How can you live them?

1. I am the Lord, your God; you shall not have strange gods before me.

2. You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.

3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

4. Honor your father and your mother.

5. You shall not kill.

6. You shall not commit adultery.

7. You shall not steal.

8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.

10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Name the Gifts of the Holy Spirit How can you live them?

Wisdom - enables you to love the things of God

Understanding - gives you insight into the truths of faith

Right Judgment - helps you to seek advice and be open to the advice of others. It helps you to give advice to speak up and encourage others to do the right thing

Courage - enables you to stand up for your beliefs and live as a follower of Christ by being faithful to ordinary duties

Knowledge - You experience God... You come to know who you are, the true value of things through life events and to recognize temptations for what they are and turn to God for help.

Reverence - Leads to prayer (individual and communal) and to a deep respect for God, for all His people and for all He has created

Wonder & Awe - helps you to recognize the majesty of God and your dependence upon Him. It leads you to marvel at God's love for you

Name the Theological Virtues & Cardinal Moral Virtues How can you live them?

Theological Virtues - help direct your life toward God.

Faith - the power to trust God completely & accept as true all God has revealed and teaches through the Catholic Church.

Hope - the power to trust that God will give you eternal life.

Love (Charity) - the power that enables you to love God, to give God first place in your life and to love others for love of God.

Cardinal Moral Virtues - help you to act the right way. How can you live them?

Prudence - empowers you to decide what is good or best and to choose it.

Justice - empowers you to respect others rights & give them their due.

Fortitude - gives you the courage to do what is right even when it is very difficult.

Temperance - empowers you to control your desire for pleasure.

How is the Sacrament of Confirmation conferred? (Three Parts)

The Sacrament of Confirmation is conferred by the Bishop through (1) laying on of hands and (2) the anointing with chrism (holy oil) on the forehead and (3) with these words - YOUR SAINTS NAME, be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit. You respond - Amen, the Bishop says - Peace be with you and you respond - and with your spirit.

What is required of sponsors in confirmation?

Must be a practicing Catholic

Must be already Confirmed

Must be older than 16 years of age

Must be able to fulfill their duties

Describe the first Pentecost

When the Holy Spirit first came to the disciples - fifty days after Easter - sometimes called the Birthday of the Church. The Spirit filled them with faith, love, courage and zeal and gave them the gift of tongues. They were ready to witness to Jesus to the point of death.

What are the Six Holy Days of Obligation?

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God - January 1

The Ascension - Forty Days after Easter

The Assumption - August 15

All Saints Day - November 1

Immaculate Conception - December 8

Christmas - December 25

What are the Corporal Works of Mercy?

How can you live them?

1. To feed the hungry
2. To give drink to the thirsty
3. To clothe the naked
4. To visit the imprisoned
5. To shelter the homeless
6. To care for the sick
7. To bury the dead

What are the Spiritual Works of Mercy?

How can you live them?

1. To correct the sinner
2. To teach the ignorant
3. To counsel the doubtful
4. To comfort the sorrowful
5. To bear wrongs patiently
6. To forgive all injuries
7. To pray for the living and the dead