

STUDY GUIDE FOR COURSE ON CONFIRMATION

Prayers you need to know:

Our Father

Hail Mary

Glory Be

Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong, and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior, Jesus Christ, suffered and died for us. In His name my God have mercy.

Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (WEIRD UNCLE KEVIN READS COMICS REALLY WELL)

WISDOM – helps recognize God’s presence in all people, places, and things.

UNDERSTANDING – helps us grasp the meaning of what we believe, and act in ways that show our Christian faith.

KNOWLEDGE – helps us to be certain that God cares for us and calls us to live a life of loving actions wherever we are.

REVERENCE – is respecting, loving, thanking and praying to God. It helps us to honor God as our most loving Creator and all people as our brothers and sisters.

COURAGE – helps us to be strong in our beliefs as Christians. It helps us to be strong when faced with problems.

RIGHT JUDGMENT – helps us to see the right and good things to do among the many choices we have to make very day. It helps us to choose the right way to act and make good decisions.

WONDER AND AWE – fills us with wonder and praise for all that God has made. It helps us to value God's plan for the world and to desire to build up the kingdom of God on earth.

The corporal works of mercy are:

- To feed the hungry;
- To give drink to the thirsty;
- To clothe the naked;
- To harbour the harbourless;
- To visit the sick;
- To ransom the captive;
- To bury the dead.

The spiritual works of mercy are:

- To instruct the ignorant;
- To counsel the doubtful;
- To admonish sinners;
- To bear wrongs patiently;
- To forgive offences willingly;
- To comfort the afflicted;
- To pray for the living and the dead.

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

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice: for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart: for they shall see God.

Blesses are the peacemakers: for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

It is the Greatest Sermon Jesus ever preached. It contained the Beatitudes, the Lord's Prayer and the Greatest Commandment –The SERMON ON THE MOUNT

The Greatest Commandment sums up all commandments in one sentence. It is

“LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD ABOVE ALL THINGS AND LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.”

Vocabulary Words

Absolution - The forgiveness we receive from God through the priest in the Sacrament of Penance.

Advocate - One who makes an appeal on behalf of another. It is another name for the Holy Spirit which describes how the Spirit continues the work of Jesus.

Apostolic - One of the four marks of the Church. The Church has this mark because it continues to hand on the teaching of the apostles through their successors.

Beatitudes - The teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel. They are eight ways to live the Christian life.

Bishop – is the ordinary minister of Confirmation. He is the head of a diocese.

Charity – the virtue that leads you to love God above all things and your neighbor as yourself.

Chrism - A perfumed oil, consecrated by a bishop, that is used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders

Conscience - The inner voice that helps each of us to judge the morality of our own actions. It guides us to follow God's law by doing good and avoiding evil.

Diocese – Catholic community made up of many parishes.

Faith -the virtue by which we put our trust in God and believe all that God has revealed or made known to us.

Hope – this virtue is the desire for all of the good things God has planned for you.

Infallible - One of the traits of the Catholic Church given to it by the Holy Spirit, whereby the pope is free from error when teaching on matters of faith or morals.

Magisterium - The living teaching office of the Church. This office, through the bishops and with the pope, provides an authentic interpretation of the Word of God.

Messiah – Hebrew word meaning “Anointed One.”

Original Sin - The consequence of the disobedience of the first human beings.

Paschal Mystery - The work of salvation accomplished by Jesus Christ through his passion, death, and Resurrection.

Pope – Leader of all Catholic communities throughout the world.

Sacrament - Signs of God's love and sources of God's grace, given by Jesus to his Church.

Trinity - The mystery of the existence of God in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.