

- 5:30 Introductions
- 5:35 Opening Prayer (5 minutes)
- 5:40 Walk Through the Rite of Confirmation (powerpoint slide)
- 5:50 Presentation of the Candidates
DP 10.1, What is Confirmation? (Decision Point video (4:50))
Candidates in General (powerpoint slide)
Call of David from 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (powerpoint slide)
- 6:10 Renewal of Baptismal Promises
Promises in General (powerpoint slide)
Promises and Confirmation (handout)
Believing in the holy Catholic Church (powerpoint slides, YouTube video (5:13))
- 6:30 Sharing of Posters
- 6:45 Mass Roles
Homework
Closing Prayer (handout)
- 7:00 Depart!

Introductions

- Liz – Welcome, Housekeeping, Sign in on Attendance Sheet, Cell Phones.
- Permanent Small Group Facilitators – Dave (Cate) Selfors and Larry Trunec.
- Parent Small Group Facilitators – Berg, Clementi, and Cortez,

Opening Prayer

Walk Through the Rite of Confirmation (powerpoint slide)

(See Anointed in the Spirit ST 120-123)

- Introductory Rites – Candidates and sponsors will process in before the opening procession. You will be seated together. The presider is Auxiliary Bishop TBD.
- Liturgy of the Word – As in a regular Mass. Readings are selected from a list of those for Confirmation. You will have probably heard these readings in class!
- **Presentation of the Candidates** – A leader from the parish will present you to the Bishop and you will stand in place. Due to the small size of the group, you will be called by name. Echoes being called by name at Baptism – even if you selected a new name.
- Homily – As in a regular Mass. The homilist is the Bishop. The focus is Confirmation!

- **Renewal of Baptismal Promises** – Expresses the close connection between Baptism and Confirmation. You and the other candidates are asked to make your own promises -- to denounce Satan and profess belief in God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – and the Church. More on this later!
- **The Laying on of Hands** – The Bishop prays to God the Father to send the Holy Spirit upon you to be your Helper and Guide. He prays that the Father will give you the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit. More on those later! The Bishop and the priests lay hands on the candidates. Due to the small size of the group, you will come forward in procession for them to lay hands on you individually.
- **The Anointing with Chrism** – This is the heart of the Sacrament of Confirmation! You and your sponsor will go up to the Archbishop as a pair. Your sponsor will place his/her right hand on your shoulder. Your sponsor will present you to the Bishop with the name you have chosen for Confirmation. You will also have an index card with the name that you turn in to an assistant to hold up for the Bishop. The Bishop will talk to you for a few minutes! And he will have read your letter! And he will ask you questions about the name that you chose! Be prepared! Then the Bishop will say your name and then “be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.” You respond, “Amen.” As you are doing this, the Bishop is making the sign of the cross on your forehead with the Holy Oil called Sacred Chrism. The Bishop then says, “Peace be with you.” You respond, “And with your spirit.” This exchange of peace is a sign of the bond we have with one another and with the Bishop.
- Universal Prayer (petitions) -- As in a regular Mass. Of course including you!
- Liturgy of the Eucharist -- As in a regular Mass. Highlights the close connection between Eucharist and Confirmation.
- Concluding Rites – As in regular Mass, but more solemn. We are sent forth to love and serve the Lord. But...with the new strength of Confirmation!

We will be walking through the Rite of Confirmation throughout our remaining classes. Today we will focus on the Presentation of the Candidates and the Renewal of Baptismal Promises.

Presentation of the Candidates

(See Anointed in the Spirit CT 16-20, 23-24, 28; Extensions in CT 26-27)

- DP 10.1, What is Confirmation? (4:50)
<http://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/view-program/session-10/> → 10.1
- Candidates in General (powerpoint slide)

Encourage the participants to share their experiences of being candidates or of knowing candidates: Have you ever been a candidate for student council or class president? Or have you ever been a candidate for a music award or MVP on your team? Or do you know anyone who has been a candidate for an elected office?

We named several kinds of candidates. In each instance, it was an honor to be named as a candidate. Whether you are a candidate for President of the United States or Junior Class President of Pewaukee HS, or whether you are a candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation, being a candidate means that you are being considered for something important, like an honor or a new responsibility.

Usually a person or group nominates candidates. But in the case of Confirmation, you do not have to be nominated, and you do not have to campaign for a position or office. Instead, God has chosen you and called you to the Sacrament of Confirmation. God's call comes through the Church. That is, the Church enables you to hear God's call. The Church wants everyone to complete their Christian Initiation through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

- Call of David from 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (powerpoint slide)

Share the reading from the handout.

Review the main points of the story: The Lord told Samuel that he would show him which of Jesse's eight sons to anoint King of Israel. Jesse brings seven of his sons to Samuel, but none are the chosen one. Samuel asks if there is another son. Even though David is a fine young man, his choice was not expected.

Lead a discussion by asking the following questions: When did God decide which of the sons was to be king? (*Before Samuel even went to Bethlehem, God had chosen David to be king.*) How did God decide who should be king? (*God looks at the heart. God does not judge as people judge.*) How did God confirm his choice of David? (*God told Samuel to anoint David with oil, and the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David.*)

Conclude with these or similar comments: At your Confirmation, God will confirm God's choice of you by anointing you with oil and the Holy Spirit will rush upon you. David responded to God's call and became a great king. With his kingship came a lot of responsibilities. As a confirmed member of the church, you will be asked to respond – you will have great responsibilities too. Your responsibility now, though, is to be fully prepared to receive the Sacrament.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

(See Anointed in the Spirit CT 38, 46-49, 50-51 and ST 41-54; Extensions in CT 44-46, 48-49, 54)

- Promises in General (powerpoint slide)

Wedding vows are one kind of promise that is renewed. Often people renew their vows on a significant anniversary like 25 or 50 years. Do you know anyone that has had a renewal of vows? Why do couples renew their vows?

To renew a promise is to remind ourselves of what we hope to do or intend to do. Promise making gives us extra strength to follow our hopes and do what we intend.

- Promises and Confirmation (handout)

So how does promise making relate to Confirmation? There is a part of the Rite of Confirmation called the Renewal of Baptismal Promises. At Confirmation we renew promises made at Baptism.

Ask those who were baptized as babies to raise their hands. Why do we talk about renewing promises made at Baptism when most Confirmation candidates were not capable of making promises when they were baptized? At Baptism parents and godparents make a solemn vow to bring up their children in the practice of the faith and to help God's life "grow always stronger in their hearts" (*Rite of Baptism*, 56). So during the celebration of Baptism, the priest asks the parents and godparents to profess their own beliefs by answering questions similar to the ones you will hear at Confirmation. Parents and godparents do not speak for their children, but they give voice to the faith of the Church and promise to share this faith with their children.

See handout. At Confirmation the Bishop will ask you these five questions and you will respond, "I do." The first question is a renunciation of sin and the other four make up a profession of faith. In this sense, these promises are not like the wedding vows we discussed above. You are not saying, "I promise to do this" or "I promise not to do that." Baptismal Promises are really about what we profess or believe. They are very similar to the Creed we say each week at Mass, but in question format. This format was part of Baptisms in the early Church. Both the promises and the Creed reflect our central belief in the Trinity, the mystery of one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

When you respond to these questions at Confirmation, you will reaffirm the vows made at your Baptism. Each time you publicly renew your Baptismal Promises, you strengthen your resolve to renounce sin and to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ. That is what Confirmation is about – gaining strength to avoid sin and to live as a faithful disciple. In Confirmation your relationships with Christ and with the Church are strengthened through the power of the Holy Spirit. Even though it is sometimes hard to keep all our promises, the Holy Spirit will always be with us to help.

- Believing in the holy Catholic Church

Hierarchy of Truths + Creed as Central (powerpoint slide)

For catechist background, see article at

www.votf-li.org/McBrien-%20Hierarchy%20of%20Truths%203-9-12.pdf

Primacy of Conscience (powerpoint slide)

For catechist background, see article at

<https://www.osv.com/OSVNewsweekly/ByIssue/Article/TabId/735/ArtMID/13636/ArticleID/4327/Path-to-a-clear-conscience.aspx>

Top Reasons for Being Catholic

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2QliM7ApyiA> (5:13)

Sharing of Posters

Mass Roles

Homework

Closing Prayer

Opening Prayer

LEADER In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL Amen.

LEADER Let us listen to a reading from the Scriptures.

READER A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one with whom I am pleased.
Upon him I have put my spirit;
he shall bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry out, nor shout,
nor make his voice heard in the street.
A bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench.
He will faithfully bring forth justice.

The Word of the Lord.

ALL Thanks be to God.

LEADER The prophet Isaiah tells us of God's chosen one. The chosen one is a servant of others. We hear Isaiah tell us that God will put his spirit upon the one he has chosen. My friends, God has chosen you as a candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation. You have been chosen as servants of God. God has put his spirit upon you in Baptism and God will stir up that spirit at Confirmation.

Let us pray. God of all people, thank you for choosing these young people to be candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation. May the Holy Spirit be with us and guide us through this remaining time of preparation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL Amen.

Call of David from 1 Samuel 16:1-13

LEADER Let us look at a Scripture reading about someone who was chosen by God from among many candidates for an important mission.

READER A reading from the First Book of the Prophet Samuel.

The LORD said to Samuel:

How long will you grieve for Saul,
whom I have rejected as king of Israel?
Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way.
I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem,
for from among his sons I have decided on a king.

But Samuel replied:

“How can I go? Saul will hear of it and kill me.”

To this the LORD answered:

Take a heifer along and say,
“I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.”
Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I myself will tell you what to do;
you are to anoint for me the one I point out to you.

Samuel did as the LORD had commanded him.

When he entered Bethlehem,
the elders of the city came trembling to meet him and asked,
“Is your visit peaceful, O seer?”

He replied:

“Yes! I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.
So purify yourselves and celebrate with me today.”

He also had Jesse and his sons purify themselves
and invited them to the sacrifice.

As they came, he looked at Eliab and thought,
“Surely the anointed is here before the LORD.”

But the LORD said to Samuel:

Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature,
because I have rejected him.
God does not see as a mortal, who sees the appearance.
The LORD looks into the heart.

Then Jesse called Abinadab and presented him before Samuel, who said,
“The LORD has not chosen him.”

Next Jesse presented Shammah, but Samuel said,
“The LORD has not chosen this one either.”

In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel,
but Samuel said to Jesse,
“The LORD has not chosen any one of these.”

Then Samuel asked Jesse,

“Are these all the sons you have?”

Jesse replied,

“There is still the youngest, but he is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said to Jesse,

“Send for him;
we will not sit down to eat until he arrives here.”

Jesse had the young man brought to them.

He was ruddy, a youth with beautiful eyes, and good looking.

The LORD said:

There—anoint him, for this is the one!

Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand,

anointed him in the midst of his brothers,

and from that day on,

the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

The Word of the Lord.

ALL

Thanks be to God.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

BISHOP Do you renounce Satan
and all his works and empty promises?

CANDIDATES I do.

BISHOP Do you believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth?

CANDIDATES I do.

BISHOP Do you believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered death and was buried,
rose again from the dead
and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

CANDIDATES I do.

BISHOP Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who came upon the Apostles at Pentecost
and today is given to you sacramentally in Confirmation?

CANDIDATES I do.

BISHOP Do you believe in the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting?

CANDIDATES I do.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Homework

- Next session is Saturday, December 10 with sponsors! Mass followed by dinner and activities until 8:30 pm. If your sponsor cannot attend, please bring another adult. Arrive at 4:30 pm to prepare for Mass roles.
- ~~Read *Anointed in the Spirit*, Chapters 1 through 3 (pages 14 to 54). You do NOT have to do any of the workbook pages.~~
- Fulfill your "Pledge of Commitment" by attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days (December 8 = Immaculate Conception). Also pray daily for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- If you did not hand in paperwork today, please get it to me ASAP! Pledge of Commitment, Parent / Guardian Release from Inspirio registration, Confirmation Poster, Confirmation Record / Release of Information, Copy of Baptismal Certificate (if not baptized at QOA), & Service Sign-Up (if not submitted already).

Closing Prayer

LEADER *Invite everyone to gather around the font filled with holy water.*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL Amen.

LEADER Let us listen to a reading from the Scriptures.

READER A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

ALL Glory to you, Lord!

READER It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee
and was baptized in the Jordan by John.

On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open
and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.

And a voice came from the heavens,
“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

LEADER When Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan River, the Holy Spirit
came upon him. Likewise, when you were washed by holy water on the
day of your Baptism, the Holy Spirit came upon you. May we always live
as God’s beloved sons and daughters.

At Baptism and then again at Confirmation, you are called by name. Now
as your name is called, I invite you to come forward to the water and make
the Sign of the Cross.

READER *Read the list of names. People come forward and sign themselves.*

LEADER Now let us join together and profess our faith by reciting
the Apostles’ Creed.

ALL *Recite the Apostles’ Creed from the handout.*

LEADER Lord God, we have professed our belief with our lips. May we have faith in
our hearts and accomplish your will in our lives. We ask this through Christ
our Lord. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL Amen.

Materials

- Liz's Folder with Handouts
- Pencil
- Cell Phone, Charged
- CF Poster w/Confirmation Tonight Bubble
- Easel
- Blue Tape
- Entry Table
- Attendance Sheet
- Small Bin with Pens and Permanent Marker
- Box for Paperwork
- Paperwork from Parent / Youth Meeting – Pledge of Commitment (Pink), Instructions (Orange), Confirmation Record / Release of Information (Beige), Service Sign Up – MS and HS (Blue), Text Sign Up (Tan)
- Table for Prayer & Supplies
- Green Cloth
- Crucifix
- Candle and Candle Holder
- Matches
- Bible marked to 1 Samuel 16
- Bible Stand
- Catechism of the Catholic Church
- Podium
- Groups (3)
- Chairs (9-9-7)
- Plexiglas Group Signs
- Small Bins with Pens on Tables
- Handout on Renewal of Baptismal Promises / Apostles' Creed / Hmk (25)
- Lesson Plan for Small Group Facilitators (6)
- Handout on Hierarchy of Truths for Small Group Facilitators (6)

- Group Sheet for Dave and Larry (3)
- Parent Volunteer Sheet for Dave and Larry (3)
- Activities
- Opening Prayer (2)
- Call of David Reading from 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (2)
- Liz's Poster
- Mass Role Sign-Up Sheet
- First Reading with Workbook for Lectors
- Second Reading with Workbook for Lectors
- Closing Prayer (2)
- Holy Water in the Font
- Easter Candle
- Lighter / Snuffer for Easter Candle
- AV Cart
- Powerpoint on Laptop Desktop and Videos Bookmarked
- Screen
- Technology Check
- Cookies
- Napkins
- Platter