

Candidate / Sponsor – Night 1 -- 2016  
December 10 from 5 to 8:30 PM  
Queen of Apostles Parish

## **Agenda**

- 6:00 Parish Fellowship & Dinner
- 6:45 Introduction
- 6:50 Opening Prayer
- 7:05 Candidate – Sponsor Worksheet
- 7:30 Sacraments 101: Confirmation Video (5:57)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qt32SyDWuW8>
- 7:35 Confirmation Sponsor Guide
- 7:40 Questions
- 7:45 Stretch!  
Jesus the Christ: A Visual Meditation DVD
- 8:00 Small group exercises on the DVD
- 8:20 Closing Prayer
- 8:25 Evals and Handouts on the Back Table
- 8:30 Depart!

### **Introduction**

- Thank you for coming.
- Liz's Introduction.
- Housekeeping including Sign In and Cell Phones / Electronic Devices.
- Agenda.

### **Need Information from Candidates / Sponsors**

Lauren – Poster, Pledge, Retreat Rel, Record, Baptism, Rel of Info  
Cece – Retreat Reg & Rel  
Caroline – Retreat Reg & Rel, Confirm Name  
Anahi – Yr Long Svc, Retreat Reg & Rel, Record  
Caden – Yr Long Svc, Retreat Reg & Rel, Confirm Name, Sponsor  
Kevin – Poster, Pledge, Retreat Reg & Rel, Record, Baptism, Rel of Info  
Emma – Confirm Name  
Allison – Pledge, Retreat Rel, Sponsor Address  
Annie – Yr Long Svc, Retreat Reg & Rel, Confirm Name  
Greg – Yr Long Svc, Pledge, Retreat Reg & Rel  
Jacob S. – Retreat Reg & Rel  
Maggie – Pledge, Record, Baptism, Rel of Info  
Alex – Record, Baptism, Rel of Info  
Amanda – Retreat Rel

# Opening Prayer

Adapted from *Anointed in the Spirit: Program Director Manual* by Rita Burns Senseman

*Assign roles. Bring up the slide with the picture of Saul and Ananias. Invite everyone to become aware of God's presence. After a moment of quiet, begin the prayer.*

**LEADER** Let us begin with the Sign of the Cross.

**ALL** In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**LEADER** Lord God, as you called your servants,  
Ananias and Saul,  
you have called us here today.  
May the Holy Spirit open our hearts  
and help us to answer you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,  
who is Lord forever and ever.

**ALL** Amen.

**LEADER** *Introduce the reading by giving brief background information on the conversion of Saul. Give enough information to remind everyone who Saul is, how he is blinded on the road to Damascus, and how Ananias comes to help him.*

*Invite the designated reader to proclaim the Acts of the Apostles 9:17-19.*

**READER** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

So Ananias went and entered the house;  
laying his hands on him, he said,  
"Saul, my brother,  
the Lord has sent me,  
Jesus who appeared to you on the way by which you came,  
that you may regain your sight and be filled with the holy Spirit."  
Immediately things like scales fell from his eyes  
and he regained his sight.  
He got up and was baptized,  
and when he had eaten,  
he recovered his strength.

The Word of the Lord.

**ALL** Thanks be to God.

**LEADER** *Pause for a moment of silence.*

Some have likened the relationship of Ananias and Saul to the sponsor candidate relationship. God sent Ananias to Saul to help Saul on his journey to being a Christian. Although this is obviously not a perfect

comparison – because you are already Christians by Baptism – nonetheless, Ananias was sent to Saul so that Saul could be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Take a moment to think about how God has connected the two of you as candidate and sponsor, on the road to Confirmation.

Candidates, why did you choose this person to be your Confirmation sponsor? Sponsors, how do you feel about being asked to be this person's sponsor? Turn and take a couple of minutes to talk with each other about these questions. Sponsors, you talk first in the conversation.

*Call the group back together.*

Let us pray. God of goodness and truth, you sent Ananias to help Saul along the way. May these sponsors, gathered with us today, guide our candidates on their journey of faith. And may the Holy Spirit help us to carry your name to all people. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

**ALL** Amen.

**LEADER** Let us end with Sign of the Cross.

**ALL** In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

# ***Jesus the Christ: A Visual Mediation Instructions***

by Tom Zanzig

## **Activity 1 = Image Discussion**

- Give each table group a packet of images.
- Have the groups look through the images. Most of the images correspond to those in the DVD, but some are missing and some are new.
- Slowly read each question. Pause for silent reflection first, allowing time for the kids to ponder their responses. Then invite conversation at the tables -- have each table go around so that each kid gets a chance to share. Then invite the tables to react. Do they agree with what was shared? Why or why not?
  - Which of these images of Jesus can you relate to the most? Why?
  - Which of these images evokes a strong emotion? Why?
  - Which of these images contains other characters that attract your attention? Why?
  - Which of these images repulses you? Why?
  - Which of these images draws you in and makes you feel close to Jesus? Why?

## **Activity 2 = Scripture Search**

- Look at the back of the pictures – you'll notice the citation or citations for the Gospel passage that the images were created to depict.
- Find the citation in the Bible. If there is more than one listed, you may find it interesting to look up several and compare them. Read it / them out loud.
- While the passage is being read, invite the rest of the group to study the appropriate image – and seek connections or DIS-connections between the words of Scripture and the artist's interpretation.
- Repeat this exercise with any images that you find intriguing!

## **Activity 3 = Gospel Timeline**

- ~~• Give each table group a random set of 8 or 9 event cards.~~
- ~~• Have the groups review the cards and consider when the events occur in the Gospel story. Remind the kids that the video and the cards are a combination of all 4 Gospels into one story. Not every Gospel will have each event or have the events in the same order.~~
- ~~• Run the DVD again, this time stepping through the images one at a time.~~

- ~~For each image, have the groups decide which event card applies. Have the kids use tape to post the card or slip somewhere prominent. Each successive card should be posted next to or under the last one. The idea is to create a gradually unfolding timeline of the Gospel story.~~
- ~~If no one immediately comes forward to post a card for a particular image, ask the whole class to propose possible names or descriptions for the image. If still no one comes forward, ask the next person who comes forward to leave a space for the missing card. Through a process of elimination, the empty spaces will be filled by the end.~~
- ~~When the process is done, point out that the group has just outlined the entire Gospel story. Based on the colors of the cards, the Gospel has been divided into 6 parts. Ask the class what title they would give to each part. Then post the titles given by the DVD.~~

## Closing Prayer

*Invite the sponsors to take a red prayer card. Explain that one side has a list of the candidates. The other side has a traditional prayer to the Holy Spirit.*

*Next invite the candidates and sponsors to stand side by side. Ask the sponsors to place their right hand on their candidate's shoulder. Ask the candidates to hold the prayer card so that they and their sponsors can read the prayer together.*

*After a moment of quiet, begin the prayer.*

**ALL**

**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.**

**LEADER**

In conclusion I would like to remind you to complete your evaluation sheets. Also there are books for the sponsors to take on your way out – they are labeled with your candidate's names. Tucked inside is an article about the Sacrament of Confirmation. These are for you to keep. There are also books for the candidates. These are for you to borrow. If I read your name, please come and see me afterwards. Otherwise, enjoy the rest of your evening and drive safely!

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## Set Up

### Preparation

Reserve Hall  
Notify Fellowship folks on combo  
Set Up Diagram to John  
Email reminder to candidates  
Email reminder to sponsors  
Email reminder to catechists

### General

Door Sign  
Blue Tape  
Cell Phone (camera), charged  
Lectern  
Folder w/Facilitator Handouts  
    To Do List  
    Agenda  
    List of Those I Need Info From  
    Opening Prayer (2)  
    Candidate – Sponsor Worksheet  
    Index Cards (2)  
    Confirmation Sponsor Guide  
    *Jesus the Christ* Pkt Instructions  
    Closing Prayer  
    Eval  
    When A Teenager Chooses You  
    Confirmation Parent Article

### Entry Table

Table  
Attendance Sheet  
Small Activity Bin  
Pens  
Posters on the Sacs of Initiation  
Handouts for the End  
    When A Teenager Chooses You  
    Labeled w/ Candidate Name  
    Confirmation Parent Article  
    Anointed in the Spirit Textbook  
    Labeled w/ Candidate Number

### Group Tables

Tables (30 + 7 = 5 Tables of 6)  
Chairs  
Small Activity Bins  
Pens  
Handouts  
    Candidate – Sponsor Worksheet  
        (per couple)

Index Cards (1 per person)  
Confirmation Sponsor Guide  
    (per couple)  
Prayer Cards (per couple)  
Evals (per person)

### Activities

Jesus the Christ Packets (6)  
Laminated  
Bibles (per couple)

### Table for Prayer & Supplies

Table  
Purple Cloth  
Advent Wreath  
Matches  
Bible  
Bible Stand  
Picture of Jesus  
Table Easel

### Cart for Laptop / Sound System

Laptop Cart  
Slides on Desktop  
Video Bookmarked  
Jesus the Christ DVD  
Screen  
Technology Check

### Refreshments

Recyclables Can  
Garbage Can  
Signage  
Tables  
Tablecloths – 4 Round, 1 Rectangular  
Paper Towels  
Pizzas (10 → 2.5 left)  
~~Pizza Serving Platters~~  
Pizza Cutters  
Pizza Servers (8)  
Red Pepper (home)  
Italian Seasoning (home)  
Garlic Powder (home)  
Parmesan Cheese (3 oz → most left)  
Salad  
Serving Bowls  
Tongs and Serving Utensils  
Strainer  
~~Peeler~~

Sharp Knife  
Cutting Board  
Lettuce (2 2-lb bags → ½ bag)  
Cherry Tomatoes (1.75 lbs → ½ left)  
Cucumbers (3 seedless → 1.5 left)  
Broccoli (3 crowns → 1 left)  
Peppers (1 1.5-lb bag → most left)  
Carrots (2 1-lb baby bags → 1 lb left)  
Red Onion (1 → 1/2)  
Croutons (2 5-oz bags → 1 bag left)  
Ranch Dressing (16 oz → 3 oz left)  
Italian Dressing (16 oz → 13 oz left)

Diet Coke (12 pack → 9 left)  
Coke (12 pack → 6 left)  
7-Up (12 pack → 4 left)  
Water (40 pack → 14 left)  
Ice  
Cookies (60 → 26 left)  
Plates  
Napkins  
Forks  
Knives

### **Follow Up**

Bulletin Announcement w/Pixs  
Put Posters Up with Prayer Cards

