

CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS

The Confirmation Interview is a way for the student and the Pastor to talk one-on-one about Confirmation, what it is, and what its hoped-for effects will be in the life of the newly confirmed. The interview is **not** a test, but the student should be able to converse with Father about the following topics on *some* level of understanding:

1. All seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are important. But after Confirmation, what is one gift (or two) that you feel you'll probably be calling on more frequently? And why?
2. The seven Sacraments: what they are and how God's grace works through them for our benefit.
3. What the Catholic Church has always believed about the Eucharist and the "Real Presence," and how that differs from what other Christians believe.
4. What the Ten Commandments and the Two Great Commandments are.
5. Who the four gospel writers are, and maybe one favorite story, scene, or parable from the gospels.
6. What chastity is and how it's lived out as a single person, a married couple, or an ordained or consecrated religious person.
7. The confirmation name you've chosen and why you've chosen it: how it (and your patron saint) reflects your values and aspirations as a follower of Christ in the Catholic way of life.
8. How you're already involved in the life of the parish and/or the wider Church community.
9. What your plans are for continuing your personal faith development as a confirmed Catholic.
10. What you enjoy and find life-giving about your Catholic faith. What some challenges are (personal, spiritual, moral, social) that come with being a Catholic and how you deal with those.

Again, the Confirmation Interview is **not** a test. So please, "be not afraid." It is, first and foremost, a **conversation** between a to-be-confirmed student and the Pastor (who represents the Bishop on the parish level) about their shared faith in the one Jesus Christ.