

Confirmation Questions 2011

*Confirmation Questions are meant to be answered by the candidates, with the help of their sponsors. The goal of this assignment is to expose you to the many resources for instruction that are available in the church while answering questions that will be useful for you to know as a mature Christian. Helpful resources and links are available on the last page of questions.*

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1. Who is your patron saint? Tell something about their life and work. (See <http://www.catholic.org/saints/patron.php> for more information about patron saints)

2. Why do we genuflect when we come into church?

3. List the four ways that Jesus is present at each celebration of the Mass?

4. What are the two main parts of the Mass?

5. Put these parts of the Mass in order.

- a. Prayer over the gifts \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Liturgy of the Word \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Eucharistic prayer \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Our Father \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Gospel \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Penitential Rite \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Great Amen \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Psalm \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Holy, Holy, Holy \_\_\_\_\_
- j. Nicene Creed \_\_\_\_\_
- k. Sign of Peace \_\_\_\_\_

6. What is the weekend Mass schedule at your parish?

7. When are the weekday Masses celebrated in your parish?



15. In the papal letter, *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis* (Priestly Ordination), article 4, what does Pope John Paul II declare so that all doubt may be removed regarding women ordination?
  
16. Does a wedding on a Saturday afternoon "count" as a Sunday Mass?
  
17. Define "Conscience" using the Catechism of the Catholic Church Glossary.
  
18. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church Glossary, what is the difference between mortal and venial sin?
  
19. Should a person receive Communion if they have committed a mortal sin that they have not confessed? According to 1 Cor 11:26-29, what does St. Paul say is the result if this happens?
  
20. When are there opportunities for the individual celebration of reconciliation in your parish?
  
21. According to the papal encyclical *Dominum et Vivificantem* (Lord and Giver of Life), article 27 what is discussed that is the proper action of the Holy Spirit?
  
22. What is fasting? What do we abstain from during the Fridays of Lent?
  
23. What is the official teaching of the Catholic Church concerning birth control? (See Catechism #2370)
  
24. What is the official church teaching regarding premarital sexual intercourse? (See Catechism # 2353)

25. Who is your bishop and where does he live?
  
26. Define “Infallibility” using the Catechism of the Catholic Church Glossary.
  
27. What is the Vatican? Where is it located?
  
28. When and where was the Second Vatican Council held? Who attended? What was the purpose?
  
29. According to the Vatican Council II document Lumen Gentium (Light of Nations), article 14, is the Church necessary for salvation?
  
30. According to the Vatican Council II document Lumen Gentium (Light of Nations), article 14, what must you do to be a full member of the Church?
  
31. According to the Vatican Council II document Lumen Gentium (Light of Nations), article 14, will you go to heaven as long as you are a member of the Church?
  
32. According to the Catechism, what are the five precepts of the church? List and explain them.

33. What is the Nicene Creed? Where did it come from?
34. According to the Vatican Council II document *Gaudium et Spes* (Joy and Hope), article 22, who reveals the deepest mysteries of humanity?
35. According to the Vatican Council II document *Dei Verbum* (Word of God), article 5, what is the proper response to God's revelation of Himself to us?
36. What is your parish mission statement?
37. Name three Catholic newspapers or magazines.
38. Give the name and address of a religious goods store in Fowler. What kind of things might you buy there?
39. List at least three different organizations in your parish and the work that they have done.
40. What is the average weekly contribution from the adults in your parish? How much money does the parish need to operate on a weekly basis?

41. What conditions must a parent fulfill before their child can be baptized?
42. Is the bread and wine of the Eucharist a symbol of Jesus' body and blood or His actual body and blood? Explain. Where can we find this teaching supported in the Bible?
43. Can a Catholic receive Communion at a non-Catholic service? Why? Can a non-Catholic receive Communion at a Catholic Mass? Why?
44. How should a person prepare to receive Holy Communion? What should one do after receiving?
45. How long is one required to fast before receiving Communion? Is it okay to chew gum in church?
46. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church article 1303, what are the 5 *effects of Confirmation*?
47. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church article 1289, what do Eastern churches call the sacrament of Confirmation?

48. According to the Catechism, how is the sacrament of Confirmation conferred?
49. What is *chrism* and why is it an important part of Confirmation?
50. Under what conditions may a priest refuse the sacrament of matrimony to a couple?
51. Who can be a witness at a Catholic wedding? Can a Catholic be a witness in a non-Catholic wedding?
52. What is a marriage annulment? Under what conditions does the church grant an annulment?
53. How is divorce different from an annulment? What is the Catholic position on divorce and remarriage?
54. What are the three vows taken by religious men and women? What does each vow mean?
55. What are the four cardinal virtues?

56. What are the three theological virtues?
57. What are the two "great commandments" that contain the whole law of God? (See Mark 12:28-31)?
58. What is the original meaning of the word catholic? What must we as a church do to live up to that word?
59. Name the four Mysteries of the rosary?
60. Where do you find the letters INRI? What do they stand for?
61. Contact a member of one of the parish's committee's (Pastoral Council, Finance, Education, etc...) and report on what they do and how the committee helps the parish. For example, how often do they meet? What does the agenda of a typical meeting look like? What kind of decisions do they make? What made the individual decide to volunteer to serve on that particular committee?

62. In the space below, write a brief summary of the Gospel Message. What is the Good News and why should we tell others about it?

63. In the space below, discuss why it is that you would like to be confirmed.

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The document **Lumen Gentium** can be found at <http://www.ewtn.com/library/COUNCILS/V2CHURCH.HTM>  
The document **Gaudium et Spes** can be found at <http://www.newadvent.org/docs/ec21gs.htm>  
The document **Dei Verbum** can be found at <http://www.ewtn.com/library/COUNCILS/V2REVEL.HTM>  
The document **Ordinatio Sacerdotalis** can be found at <http://www.newadvent.org/docs/jp02os.htm>  
The **1983 Code of Canon Law** can be found at <http://www.intratext.com/X/ENG0017.htm>  
The **Catechism of the Catholic Church** can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/catechism/text/>  
The document **Dominum et Vivificantem** can be found at <http://www.cin.org/jp2ency/dominum.html>

*If you do not have access to any of these resources you may come to the Religious Education Office to look up this information.*

### **Oral Examination**

During your interview in the fall where your preparation for receiving Confirmation will be evaluated, you will be given an oral examination concerning the following information. If you have a learning disability and are unable to take this exam, please inform the Director of Religious Education.

**You must know:**

**The 10 commandments in order.**

**The 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit.**

**The 5 precepts of the Church.**

**The 3 conditions for mortal sin.**

**You may also be asked to expand on questions 62 and 63.**