

Saint Katharine Drexel Religious Education
8th Grade Memorization and Interview Preparation

“The blossoms of faith and piety do not grow in the desert places of a memoryless catechesis.” (GDC 154)

All Eighth Grade students must learn the answers to the following questions by heart! Learning them by heart means knowing them word for word with easy familiarity.

About the Sacrament of Confirmation

#1 - What is the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Confirmation is the sacrament by which the baptized are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit.

#2 - How will the Sacrament of Confirmation change you?

As a true witness to Christ, I will be more strictly obliged to spread and defend the Faith by word and deed.

3. Why is the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation necessary?

Reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace.

#4 - What words will the Bishop say to you when conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

#5 - How will you respond when the Bishop says this to you at Confirmation?

Amen

#6 - What is the sign, or matter of the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Chrism oil is the sign, or matter, of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

#7 -What is Chrism?

Chrism is olive oil mixed with balsam and consecrated by the Bishop at the diocesan Chrism Mass during Holy Week.

#8 – Does the Sacrament of Confirmation make you an adult in the Church?

No. By the sacrament of Confirmation I will be more perfectly bound to the Church and will be enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit that will enable me to live as a Catholic and to spread the Faith by word and deed.

This will prepare me to grow in spiritual maturity, which is a lifelong process.

#9 - What does the word “Confirmation” mean?

The word “Confirmation” means *strengthening or to make firm.*

About the Sacraments

#10 - What is a sacrament?

A sacrament is a sacred sign, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which God's grace is dispensed to us.

#11 - List the seven sacraments:

Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Penance, Anointing of the Sick, Matrimony, Holy Orders

#12 – Who instituted the Sacraments?

Jesus instituted all seven Sacraments and the roots of all of the Sacraments are found in Sacred Scripture.

#13 - Which of the Sacraments are the Sacraments of Initiation?

Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist

#14 - Which Sacrament completes your Christian Initiation?

The Sacrament of Confirmation will complete my Christian initiation.

#15 - Which of the Sacraments are the Sacraments of Healing?

Penance and Anointing of the Sick

#16 - Which of the Sacraments are the Sacraments Service, or Vocation?

Matrimony and Holy Orders

#17 - What is the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist?

The Holy Eucharist is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ under the appearances of bread and wine.

About Jesus Christ, our Savior and the Holy Spirit

#18 - Who is Jesus?

Jesus is God the Son, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, who became human to save us from sin and to restore us to the life of grace.

#19 - Why did God the Son become human?

- **So that He could save us from sin and death by reconciling us with God the Father, and so open Heaven to us**
- **So that we can know God's love for us**
- **To be the supreme model of holiness for us;**
- **To make us partakers in the Divine nature**
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#20 – Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is the 3rd Person of the Blessed Trinity. He is fully God. He is the Spirit of Love and Truth. He is our Advocate and our Consoler. He also helps us to pray as we ought. We should frequently ask the Holy Spirit for His guidance and to help us to lead good Catholic lives.

About the Catholic Church

#21 - What is the Catholic Church?

The Catholic Church is the Church founded by Jesus Christ, which constitutes the fullness of Christ's teachings and the seven sacraments.

#22 - When did you become a member of the Holy Catholic Church?

Through Baptism I became a child of God and a member of the Holy Catholic Church

#23 - What event is considered the Birthday of the Church?

Pentecost

#24 – When did Pentecost occur?

Pentecost Sunday occurred 50 days after our Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter Sunday and 10 days after Jesus ascended into Heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father.

#25 – What is Pentecost?

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended in tongues as of fire on the disciples of Jesus who were gathered in an upper room in Jerusalem.

#26 – What happened to the disciples when the Holy Spirit descended upon them?

When the Holy Spirit descended upon them, He gave the disciples a special outpouring of His gifts and graces, including the grace to boldly and courageously witness to the Lord Jesus and His teachings in the world.

About Grace and the Virtues

#27 - What is Sanctifying Grace?

Sanctifying Grace is God's own life in my soul which forges a loving union between my soul and God. Sanctifying Grace is needed in the soul for one to enter Heaven.

#28 – What is Actual Grace?

Actual Grace is the free and undeserved help that God gives to all people so they can respond to His call to become His children, live holy lives, and go to Heaven.

#29 - List the three Theological Virtues – **Faith, Hope, and Charity**

#30 - List the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit:

Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Fortitude, Piety, Fear of the Lord

#31 – When are the gifts of the Holy Spirit received?

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are first received into our souls in Baptism and then are deepened in Confirmation.

#32 – What are the 12 Fruits of the Holy Spirit?

Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Generosity, Gentleness, Faithfulness, Modesty, Self-Control, and Chastity.