

Confirmation Candidates Confidential

St. Mary Catholic
Church, Trenton
2016 Candidate Class



Introduction

- On Sunday, October 18, parents and sponsors of St. Mary Parish Confirmation Candidates gathered for a session to hear details about elements of the preparation program for Confirmation with the 8th grade candidates.
- Part of the session was designed to have the candidates come to understand the need to discern what asking to be confirmed might mean in their lives and why they might desire to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church begun in baptism.
- Candidates, parents and sponsors were divided into 6 tables (named after gifts of the Holy Spirit). Using the following activity the adults shared the importance of being a fully initiated Catholic so that the youth could hear their witness of faith.



Introduction

- Using laptop computers, each table group was instructed to ask the adults at the table a question found in an envelope at the table. This question was typed into the first “slide” of a preloaded Power Point presentation.
- Then the candidates listened to the answers and formed them into a statement that could be posted on an internet blog (second slide).
- The candidates were to summarize what they heard into a statement in the form of “Tweet” that could be posted on an imaginary “Twitter” account (third slide) with appropriate “hashtags” (#).
- The results of all discussions were shared with the entire group and are posted in the following slides.



WISDOM

- ❖ When is a time that being part of the Catholic Church helped you in some way?



Blog Entry

The Catholic Church helped when my son Timmy passed away. The Catholic Church helped when my father had open heart surgery. The Catholic Church help when my Dad went into cardiac arrest. The Catholic Church helped me to succeed while in the Marine Corps. The Catholic Church help me when my Dad was away on his work trips. The Catholic has helped me in many ways.





- I have learned that the Catholic Church can help in your times of need, like when my Grandfathers son died, and when my father goes on long trips.

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KNOWLEDGE

❖ Why do you like being a Catholic?



Blog Entry

- Original Christian religion.
- Following the teachings of Jesus Christ through the church which he founded.
- Basic attitudes and beliefs towards life. (Belief that all life is sacred)
- Catholics strive to emulate the saints.
- Tradition and more disciplined than many other Christian religions.
- Ebby likes that he knows what's gonna happen next. (Structure at mass)





- Catholicism is the original Christian religion which follows the teachings of Jesus Christ through the church which he founded. Catholics strongly support life and believe all life is sacred. Many traditions have been maintained and followed, and masses are more disciplined than many other Christian religions. Catholics strive to emulate the saints and Jesus in their daily lives. Masses and teachings are more structured than other religions.

- Add any hashtags you think appropriate including [#gettingconfirmedthisyear](#)



UNDERSTANDING

❖ Why do you like being a Catholic?



Answers given

- We like how it is the same faith. We always can count on getting guidance and help from God. The Catholic church is the one true church unlike the others that have broken away. Even though many people think our church is boring we have the consistency and it is very traditional.





- We like being Catholic because we always can count on God for guidance and help. We are very consistent and traditional about what we preach about. The Catholic church is the one true church unlike the others because we haven't broken away.
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PIETY

- ❖ When is a time that being part of the catholic church helped you in some way?



Blog Entry

- It helps when you move in to a new town then you have a community to go to. It's a place for families to take their children so they can be guided in their lives. Its also a support network for the sacraments, whether it being the happy ones or the sad ones.





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- When you move in to a new town, you have a community to go to. It helps you guide your life with support networks.



FORTITUDE

- ❖ How has being an active member of the Catholic Church sharing your time, talent, and treasure been a good thing?



Blog Entry

- Through Sponsors/parents we learned being a Eucharist minister, helps your parish, you can spend time getting to know others, and strengthens your faith. Being a Religion teacher also helps strengthen you faith and help youth learn about Christ.





- Through our sponsors, we learned that sharing your time, helping your church, and teaching youth about Christ has been a good thing.

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COUNSEL

- ❖ Why do you think a catholic of my age should receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?



Blog Entry

- You are at a point in your life where you are becoming an adult. This is a time in your life where you are easily persuaded by negative influences, so you need a strong faith base. You have a better understanding of what religion means to you. Also, you are at the age where you can make decisions for yourself. You are transitioning from being taken care of by others to being able to serve.





- You are at the point in your life when you are changing. You need a strong faith base to keep out the negativity.
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