



Confirmation Journal

(Name of Candidate)



YOUR CONFIRMATION JOURNEY

Now that you have chosen to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, it is time to reflect on what it is that you are choosing.

Keeping a journal is a different and special way of praying. It is a time of stillness during which you can discover the action of the Holy Spirit in your life.

This journal will be a personal record of your thoughts and feelings. Since this journal will be done at home, you are encouraged to discuss the assignments with your parents and sponsor. It is expected that your effort will reflect both your openness to the Spirit and your commitment to your preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

It is the hope of the Faith Formation Team that the use of this journal will help you to be a more prayerful person as you prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The completion of this journal is a required step in the preparation process. In order to receive credit for this completed step, ***please return the completed journal to the Religious Education Office*** by the deadline printed on the Religious Education calendar.



CONFIRMATION— A SACRAMENT FOR OTHERS

“To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.”

1 Corinthians 12:7

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Jesus told us that the Kingdom of God is within each of us. He gave us the **Beatitudes** to help us be good stewards of the Kingdom of God. As Catholics, we adopt an “attitude of gratitude” while we share our Time, Talent and Treasure for the benefit of the entire community of faith. We live out the Gospel message through our participation in the **Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy**. We reach out to the civil community in **faithful stewardship** to our neighbors. When we become adults in faith through the Sacrament of Confirmation, we choose to live in faithful stewardship.

Ask your parents to help you fill in a specific example for performing each of the Works of Mercy.

Spiritual Works of Mercy

Warn the sinner. _____

Instruct the ignorant. _____

Counsel the doubtful. _____

Pray for the living and the dead. _____

Bear wrongs patiently. _____

Comfort the sorrowful. _____

Forgive all injuries. _____

Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry. _____

Give drink to the thirsty. _____

Visit the imprisoned. _____

Visit the sick. _____

Bury the dead. _____

Shelter the homeless. _____

Clothe the needy. _____



CHRISTIAN RESOURCES + + + CHRISTIAN RESPONSES

“But it is one and the same Spirit who produces all these gifts, distributing them to each as He wills.” 1 Corinthians 12:11

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, Fear of the Lord.

Each day we are offered chances and choices. We can build or destroy; love or reject; grow or fail to develop. The gifts we possess can make a difference in our world, and Christ can make a difference in our lives if we let Him.

Candidate

Write the gifts you have received.

Write the gifts you still need.

Parents

Write the most important gift your child has received.

Write the gifts you most wish your child receive.

Parents, please share with your child a difficult situation you have faced and what gift you possess that helped you to be a builder, rather than a destroyer.



MY STEWARDSHIP EXPERIENCES

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What did you do for your Stewardship Experiences? Please explain.

Which of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy did you experience during your Stewardship Experiences? How do the Works of Mercy connect to your experience? Please explain.

What was the best part of the Stewardship Experiences? Please explain.



CHOOSING YOUR CONFIRMATION NAME

One of the traditional practices in the Church at the time of Confirmation is choosing a name that will remind you of this sacrament. Your prayerful reflection will help you decide on that name. You have a choice to keep your baptismal name, signifying that you are confirming the faith that was given to you at your Baptism.

You may also choose to add a name, to signify your new and deeper awareness of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. If the choice is made to add a new name, choose a Christian name. It should reflect a saint whom you can admire and imitate. Check out some web-sites to learn more about some people who really lived the Catholic way of life.

<http://www.catholic.org/saints/>

<http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/indexsnt.htm>

www.lifeteen.com

I have chosen as my Confirmation name:

(Confirmation Name)

I have chosen this name because _____
