

Forty Questions For Confirmation

- 1. Who is the Patron Saint of our Church?**
Ann, mother of Mary is the Patron Saint of our church.
- 2. How did you become a Christian?**
I became a Christian through the sacrament of baptism
- 3. What is a sacrament?**
A sacrament is an outward sign instituted by Christ to give Grace.
- 4. How many sacraments are there? Name them. Which one takes away sin?**
There are seven sacraments.
Baptism, Penance, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, Matrimony, Holy Order, and Anointing of the Sick
- 5. What is Baptism?**
Baptism is a sacrament in which original sin and all sins committed to date are removed, and the soul is filled with grace. We become Christians, Children of God, and member of the church.
- 6. What is Confirmation?**
Confirmation is a sacrament in which the Holy Spirit comes to us in a special way to make us strong and more perfect Christians.
- 7. What is Holy Chrism?**
Holy Chrism is a mixture of olive oil and balm blessed by the bishop on day during Holy Week.
- 8. Who is the ordinary minister of Confirmation?**
The Bishop is the ordinary minister of Confirmation.
- 9. What is the name of our Bishop?**
Currently: Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera is the Bishop of Scranton
- 10. What does the Bishop say when anointing the person he is confirming?**
The Bishop says: "*confirmation name of the person*", "be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit."
- 11. How does the Bishop give confirmation?**
The Bishop extends his hands over the person to be confirmed; prays that the Holy Spirit may descend upon thee and anoints the forehead of each with Holy Chrism.
- 12. What do we call a person who dies for their faith?**
A person who dies for their faith is called a martyr.
- 13. Who was the first martyr?**
Saint Stephen, his feast day is December 26th
- 14. What are the outward signs of the sacrament of Confirmation?**
The outward signs of confirmation are: extending of the hands, the anointing with Chrism, and the saying of the words ("be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit")
- 15. What is necessary to receive the sacrament of Confirmation worthily?**
It is necessary to be in a state of Grace and know well the chief truths and duties of our religion.
- 16. What are the effects of Confirmation?**
*A confirmed Catholic is a full-pledged member of the church.
They have received spiritual strength and special graces that help them to be a better witness to Christ.
The Holy Spirit is called upon to come with his seven gifts, and leave a lasting character on the soul.*
- 17. What is the Character of Confirmation or mark it imprints on the soul?**
The character of Confirmation is a spiritual and indelible sign that marks the Christian a soldier in the army of Christ.
- 18. What sacraments can you only receive once?**
A person may only receive Baptism, Confirmation & Holy Orders once.
- 19. When is the feast of the Holy Spirit?**
The feast of the Holy Spirit is Pentecost.
Pentecost is 50 days after Easter. This is when the Holy Spirit came down upon the Apostles in the form of tongues of fire.
- 20. What are the Fruits of the Holy Spirit?**
Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Generosity, Gentleness, Faithfulness, Modesty, Self-Control and Chastity.
- 21. What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit?**
There are seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord.

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22. **What does the word Confirmation mean?**
Confirmation means strength or strengthening. In Confirmation our faith is deeper or strengthened.
23. **Who do we receive in Confirmation?**
We receive the Holy Spirit, the third person in the Blessed Trinity.
24. **What is the Blessed Trinity?**
It is the mystery in which we recognize that there is One God in three Divine Persons.
25. **Who is the Holy Spirit?**
The Holy Spirit is the 3rd person in the blessed trinity..
26. **Who are the other persons of the blessed Trinity?**
God the Father and God the Son
27. **When did the Holy Spirit first come to you?**
At Baptism
28. **How long will the Holy Spirit stay with the Church?**
Forever
29. **Who were the Apostles? What were their names?**
The Apostles were twelve men chosen by God to be His priests and help establish His Church. They are: Peter, Paul, Andrew, Thomas, Matthew, Phillip, Bartholomew, John, James, Simon, Thaddeus, James the Lesser, and Matthias (notice there are 13)
30. **Where were the Apostles when the Holy Spirit came upon them? In What form did the Holy Spirit come to the Apostles?**
The Apostles were in the upper room when the Holy Spirit came upon them in the form of tongues of fire.
31. **What is Grace?**
Grace is a supernatural gift of God bestowed on us through the merits of Jesus Christ for our salvation.
32. **How many kinds of grace are there?**
There are two kinds of grace: sanctifying grace and actual grace.
33. **What is actual grace?**
Actual grace is the supernatural help of God that enlightens our minds and strengthens our wills to do good and avoid evil.
34. **What is sanctifying grace?**
Sanctifying grace is that grace which confers on our souls a new life that is a sharing in the life of God himself.
35. **What are the chief effects of sanctifying grace?**
*The chief effects of sanctifying grace are:
it makes us holy and pleasing to God;
it makes us adopted children of God;
it makes us temples of the Holy Ghost;
it gives us the right to heaven*
36. **What are the chief supernatural powers that are bestowed on our soul with sanctifying Grace?**
The chief supernatural powers that are bestowed on our soul with sanctifying Grace are the three virtues of faith, hope and charity and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.
37. **What does being in a state of Grace mean? Why weren't you in a state of grace when you received the sacrament of Baptism?**
To be in a state of Grace a person must receive confession prior to receiving Confirmation. It is also recommended that the candidate go to confession at least once a month. I was not in the state of grace when I received the sacrament of Baptism because I had original sin on my soul.
38. **From whom do we get original sin?**
We got original sin from our parents
39. **What is the reason for having a sponsor in Confirmation?**
A Confirmation sponsor will have the same duties as a baptismal godparent. The sponsors have a duty to help become more mature Catholics and witnesses of Jesus Christ, by prayer, word and example.
40. **What is the name you have chosen for Confirmation?**
Know about the Saint – and a reason why you choose that name.