



2016-2017

Confirmation Packet

Hello and welcome to the Confirmation process at St. John the Evangelist!

Thank you for reading this packet in its entirety; we are humbled to share in the sacramental preparation of your teen! This will be the second year of our family centered Confirmation program and we are excited to partner with you to prepare your students for the sacrament of Confirmation.

First, let's get to some logistics. Confirmation preparation will be made up of multiple sessions throughout the year designed to prepare both your students and your family for the sacrament of Confirmation. Either a parent or a sponsor will be required to attend the sessions with the student candidates (see schedule for specifics). The dates for these sessions are listed below. We encourage you to use the schedule to plan out your year, as **no absences will be allowed**. The preparation process is very dependent on participation and engagement during the preparation sessions. We recognize that our teens are very involved and we encourage your students to be involved, but we ask that you put this commitment (getting confirmed) before those other commitments for the short time that we are together. In addition, please reserve the date of October 7-9th for the Confirmation Retreat. Only students are required to attend this experience; this retreat is REQUIRED in order to be confirmed with the St. John confirmation class in the spring. No exceptions (sports or otherwise) will be allowed. If you have questions about this, please contact Jen at 785-766-6189 or by email at conrad@saint-johns.net.

There are also two assignments to turn in that your student should work through with either you, the parent, or with their Confirmation sponsor to learn more about the Catholic faith. You will need both a Bible and a Catechism of the Catholic Church; if you need to borrow either of these texts please speak with Lois Mersmann (lmersmann@saint-johns.net) and she can help you find them.

A team of eight adult volunteers will lead your students through a Confirmation curriculum guided by the Archdiocesan requirements, and produced by the Augustine Institute. This curriculum covers the basics of the Catholic faith (the Creed). Parents and sponsors will have an opportunity to recognize the importance of their presence in the lives of our candidates, learn about youth culture and how to support our teens in the culture, and grow in faith and love for Jesus and His Church.

In addition to the above requirements, it is important that you **make it a priority to attend Mass on the weekends and be a part of learning and praying with your students**. We are excited to share in this year of learning and fellowship with you. Please contact us with questions.

Peace,

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CONFIRMATION PREP SCHEDULE 2016-2017

- September 18: Confirmation Prep Session in St. John School, lower level check-in 3-5pm; parent(s) and candidates attend
- October 7-9: Confirmation Retreat – students only. Meet in the St. John School Parking Lot on October 7 @ 4:30pm for Prairie Star Ranch; return 11am Sunday for Mass, St. John Church. **Students are not dismissed until AFTER Mass at 12noon**
- October: Students complete first half of “50 Questions” with their sponsor/parent.
- October 16: Confirmation Prep Session in St. John School, lower level check-in 3-5pm; sponsors and candidates attend
- October 30: Confirmation Prep Session in St. John School, lower level check-in 3-5pm; parents and candidates attend
- November 13: Confirmation Prep Session in St. John School, lower level check-in 3-5pm, sponsors and candidates attend
- December 7: Advent Prayer Session: 7-8pm in St. John Church
Parent and/or sponsor attend with candidate
- January: Students complete second half of “50 Questions” with their sponsor/parent. Students finish letter to the Archbishop and service hour requirements
- January 8: Confirmation Prep Session in St. John School, lower level check-in 3-5pm, parents and candidates attend
- February 12: Confirmation Prep Session in St. John School, lower level check-in 3-5pm, sponsors and candidates attend
- March 8: Lenten Prayer Session w/ Mike Debus: 7:00-8:30pm in St. John Church
Parent and/or sponsor attend with candidate

Students can choose two of the following sessions, as their schedules and interests allow. Please do not wait until the last two sessions, as two sessions *must* be completed to be confirmed:

- November 2: Confirmation Prep Session in St. John School, lower level check-in
The Tools of Holiness: Ways to Pray; 6:30-8pm; students and sponsors attend
- January 11: Confirmation Prep Session in St. John School, lower level check-in
Lectio Divina: Praying the Bible; 6:30-8pm; students and sponsors attend
- February 1: Confirmation Prep Session in St. John School, lower level check-in
Grace and Forgiveness: The Sacrament of Reconciliation; 6:30-8pm; students and sponsors attend
- April 5: Confirmation Prep Session in St. John School, lower level check-in
Mary, Novenas, Intercessory Prayer; 6:30-8pm; students and sponsors attend

As soon as the date of Confirmation is announced, we will share that information with you.

There will also be a required 1.5 hour rehearsal the evening before the Confirmation ceremony.

There are no make-up sessions available, but a student could attend another day-long retreat facilitated by the Archdiocese if an emergency arises (please confer with Youth Director as to what an emergency looks like—a soccer game is not an emergency).



CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT FORM

LAST NAME OF FAMILY _____

FATHER NAME _____ MOTHER NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

FATHER PHONE (Cell) _____ (Work) _____

MOTHER PHONE (Cell) _____ (Work) _____

E-MAIL 1 _____ E-MAIL 2 _____

Which email do you prefer? (circle one) E-MAIL 1 EMAIL 2 BOTH

I have a 2016 Annual Giving Appeal Form on file in the St. John parish office*: Yes _____ No _____

*I understand that in order to enroll my children in the Confirmation Program at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, I must have a 2016 Annual Giving Appeal Form on file. If not, I must consult with Jen Meitl-Conrad, Director of Confirmation, before I enroll. If I do not have an Annual Giving Appeal Form on file, I agree to pay per pupil the cost of the Confirmation Program which is **\$300.00** per year in addition to the program fee.

CHILD'S NAME _____

SCHOOL _____ GRADE 2016-2017 _____

CELL PHONE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE _____

SACRAMENTS RECEIVED:

Baptism (yes / no) – City/Parish: _____

Reconciliation/Communion (yes / no) – City/Parish: _____

Confirmation (yes / no) – City/Parish: _____

CHILD'S NAME _____

SCHOOL _____ GRADE 2016-2017 _____

CELL PHONE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE _____

SACRAMENTS RECEIVED:

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Reconciliation/Communion (yes / no) – City/Parish: _____

Confirmation (yes / no) – City/Parish: _____

Please use the back of this form to list any special needs/concerns regarding your child/children.

The classroom materials fee for Confirmation students (including a two night retreat) is **\$150.00** per student. If an eighth grade student is registered for both Middle School Youth Group and Confirmation, the combined fee is **\$200.00** (a \$50 discount).

Non-registered families, add **\$300** for the year.

Parishioners, see Jen Conrad if financial assistance is needed.

Fee paid: YES NO

SOCIAL MEDIA, TEXT, AND PHOTO RELEASE

Social media (Facebook, snapchat, Instagram, Twitter, etc.) and text messaging are forms of communication and are utilized within the St. John Youth Program to connect with students about upcoming events, build relationships and form the spirit with periodic reflections. We also utilize photographs of the events to update the parish of our happenings and advertise future youth group events.

Use of these tools is not required and no parent should feel that their decision not to allow their student to communicate in this matter will have an impact on their student.

The volunteers who maintain a texting and social networking presence for the purpose of communicating with students and parents at St. John the Evangelist will:

- Limit communication to matters, volume, and times within the scope of ministerial responsibilities.
- Consistently communicate with Youth Director and Associate Youth Director social media interactions as well as any social media concerns that arise.
- Maintain a positive, Catholic, and accessible social media presence, open to all teens within the program.

TEXT MESSAGING CONSENT:

I give my student permission to access and use texting with St. John the Evangelist employees and volunteers for ministerial purposes.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

SOCIAL MEDIA CONSENT:

I give my student permission to access and use social media with St. John the Evangelist employees and volunteers for ministerial purposes. I understand that I have a right to participate in the social media site and receive the same information my child does. I understand I can withdraw permission for my child to participate at any time by giving written notice to the youth minister.

I give permission for my student to communicate via Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, and other forms of social media.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

PHOTO RELEASE CONSENT:

I hereby authorize St. John the Evangelist Parish and its employees/volunteers to utilize my child's photographic images for the specific purpose of publication of the St. John the Evangelist events, including promotional materials.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH CODE OF CONDUCT

** This form only needs to be completed once per year, but will be referenced in permission forms. Please maintain a copy for your records. **

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

1. I agree to respect the rights and property of others. I understand that vandalism/stealing will not be tolerated. Financial obligations that result from such behavior will be the sole responsibility of myself and my family.
2. I agree to **respect adult leaders** and other participants.
3. I agree to demonstrate Christian values by my language and behavior.
4. I understand that the following behavior is appropriate conduct.
 - Handshakes
 - High fives and hand slapping
 - Verbal praise
 - Arms around shoulders/holding hands during prayer
5. I understand that the following behaviors are samples of inappropriate conduct. Please note that this list is not exhaustive.
 - Punching, kicking, or hitting; pulling on arms, legs, or other body parts or clothing
 - Inappropriate touching and/or **sitting in constant contact with another student** including massages
 - Kissing
 - Verbal sarcasm
 - Any form of unwanted affection
 - Compliments that relate to a youth's body
6. I agree not to possess any drugs, tobacco, alcohol, fireworks, matches, cigarette lighters, knives, or items that would endanger people, pets, wildlife, or property or are illegal.
7. I agree to dress appropriately.
8. I will act as a lady or gentleman and refrain from any misconduct, sexual or otherwise.
9. I will not leave an event, unless my adult leader grants permission.
10. I will not utilize radios, boom boxes, CD players, I Pods, and cell phones at an event, unless otherwise noted.
11. I will be open to building new relationships with my peers and adult leaders.

I understand the need to agree to the above items. I realize and agree that if I do not abide by these rules, I may lose the privilege of attending a scheduled activity, or may be sent home at the discretion of the adult leader. My dismissal from youth group events will happen in a three-strike manner. Please see the back of this form for a more detailed explanation of the three-strike policy. Overall, I will be responsible for all consequences of my behavior.

I, as a participant, agree to abide by these guidelines.

Student Signature: _____ **Date** _____

I, as the parent/guardian of this participant, agree to these guidelines for my teen/pre-teen.

Parent Signature: _____ **Date** _____

Three Strike Policy:

At all St. John Youth events, youth are expected to abide by the Youth Code of Conduct (see back of this form). Overall, youth are asked to be respectful and courteous to those around them, and, if found to be out of line with the goals of the programming or the Youth Code of Conduct, then the following actions will be taken:

Strike 1: When inappropriate behavior occurs at any youth event, the student will be alerted of the infraction that has occurred, and the parent will be notified by the Youth Minister via phone call that week to discuss the particular infraction. Students will be asked to write a letter of apology to any persons involved in the infraction, including a letter to the Youth Minister apologizing for the behavior.

Strike 2: If the behavior does not improve and is found to be disruptive again, then the parents of the student will be required to schedule a meeting with the Youth Minister and Pastor to discuss the appropriate behavior modifications that need to take place before the student is allowed to participate again in youth events at St. John the Evangelist.

Strike 3: Student will be asked to leave the event immediately (parents will be called) and will not be allowed to attend youth events at St. John the Evangelist until the behavior has been corrected and no longer exists. Duration of suspension is subject to the infraction committed and the judgment of the Youth Minister and the Pastor. In some cases, if student is allowed to continue participation, parent(s) are required to attend all youth functions with their child.

****PLEASE NOTE:** On overnight youth group trips and retreats, this policy is modified to a two-strike policy including strikes one and three. One addition will then be made: The student who committed the infraction will be taken to the nearest Greyhound bus station/airport and will catch the next bus/plane to Lawrence. The parent/family of the student will be responsible for the cost of the bus/plane ticket home.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE COMMITMENT

Due September 18, 2016

I, a member of Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Lawrence, Kansas, ask to become a candidate for the sacrament of Confirmation. I ask to enter the program of preparation provided by Saint John the Evangelist Parish, in order to learn about and affirm my belief in Jesus and the Catholic Church. I promise to do my best to fulfill the following expectations of the program:

I will make a true effort to attend Mass every week, so that I can discover and express my union with my community.

I will make a true commitment to understand the Faith of the Catholic Community. I will do this by regularly attending Confirmation preparation sessions, by thoughtfully completing all assignments, and by actively participating in discussions and projects in class.

I will make a conscious effort to spend time each day in prayer to open my mind and heart to the working of the Holy Spirit.

I will spend thirty (30) hours this year in Christian service, without monetary reward. This is to help me to understand the sacrifice and rewards of living as a Christian.

I will, after making my decision to be confirmed, write a letter to the Archbishop, stating why I wish to be confirmed at this time.

I hereby sign this commitment as a sign of my intentions to fulfill the requirements listed above.

Candidate's printed name: _____

Candidate's Signature: _____

Date: _____

****Please see next page/back for parent commitment**

CONFIRMATION PARENT COMMITMENT

Due September 18, 2016

I promise to support my teen in fulfilling his/her Confirmation promise. I understand my example of Faith will be a model for my teen.

I will give my teen encouragement and support, and will approach participation in this program with a positive attitude. I will model active participation with my teen by doing my **part to attend Mass with my student each week** as well as attend all confirmation preparation sessions required of me. I will facilitate the attendance of my candidate's sponsor when necessary, and attend the sessions myself in the absence of the sponsor.

I will monitor my teen's participation in Service Projects, and serve alongside of them when appropriate. I will make my life an act of service as well. I understand that I am responsible for verifying service hours recorded by my teen.

I recognize that I am the primary teacher of faith for my teen. I will give my time and talents to support my teen's faith development. I will also discuss the catechetical lessons with my teen each month, asking them what they've learned and how they've grown.

I will make every effort to make sure my teen attends each preparation session. In the event of an absence, I will work with St. John Youth Minister and Pastor in order to ensure that my teen is caught up to the material being covered in class. **I understand that missing class because of sports practice is not a viable excuse to miss a Confirmation session.**

I support the Confirmation process and I will help out whenever I am able.

Parent of: _____

Parent's printed name: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Date: _____

**PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM AND LIABILITY WAIVER
CONFIRMATION RETREAT: October 7-9 @ Prairie Star Ranch**

****Please complete and turn in with Confirmation forms/payment (\$150) to the Parish Office by September 18, 2016****

Name of student _____ Grade _____

Street Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Cell Phone _____

Is this participant in general good health and able to participate in general activities?

Yes ___ No ___

If not, please indicate special circumstances and situations here:

Name of family physician or clinic _____ Phone _____

Medications: If your son/daughter is presently taking any prescription medications please list them and provide directions for frequency and dosage:

If your son or daughter will be bringing any over the counter medications, please list them:

Please list any special dietary needs for your child:

Does your child have any other limitations or needs (learning styles, family situations, custody arrangements, etc.) that we need to be aware of? If yes, please describe:

PLEASE NOTE THAT *THREE SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED ON THIS PAGE*

In signing this health form, I hereby certify that the above information is correct and give permission for the release of medical records to an attending physician in case of illness. In case of medical emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact parent(s) or guardian(s) of participants. In the event that I cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the St. John the Evangelist staff to hospitalize and/or secure proper treatment, as named herein.

#1 Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

Phone numbers you may reach me at during the Confirmation Retreat: _____

Emergency contact in case you cannot reach me: _____

Phone Number: _____

I request that my child, _____, be allowed to participate in the St. John the Evangelist Confirmation Retreat and be transported to and from Prairie Star Ranch. I hereby release and indemnify the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, the St. John the Evangelist staff, and any volunteers from any liability arising from claims of any kind or nature, unless caused by the negligence or fault of those being released, from my child's participation in this program.

#2 Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

#3 (sign ONE option below)

A) My child may be given over-the-counter medication, such as Tylenol, Advil, Tums, Pepto-Bismol, etc., on an as needed basis. Exceptions:

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

B) No Medication of any type may be given to my child unless the situation is life threatening and emergency treatment is required.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

CONFIRMATION RETREAT INFORMATION

**St. John the Evangelist
October 7-9, 2016**

We'll leave the St. John School Parking Lot at 4:30pm on Friday to head out to Prairie Star Ranch, the Archdiocesan Youth Camp in Williamsburg, Kansas. The retreat will focus on the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Sacrament of Confirmation, and students will have an opportunity to bond with each other in a safe environment that is removed from their everyday experience. Students will also have the opportunity to experience the sacrament of Confession as well as spend time in prayer reflecting on God's will for their lives. We will return for Mass with parents/families at 11:00am at St. John Church on October 9. **Students will not be dismissed until noon following Sunday morning Mass.**

Various parent coordinating duties are necessary for this retreat. Duties include: bag drivers to Prairie Star Ranch on October 7 (load up bags at 4:30pm and drop them off at Prairie Star!) and food coordinators (behind the scenes to coordinate food-age for the retreat and then to help with food prep to feed the students/leaders all weekend).

To pack:

T-shirts (3)
 Pairs of capris/jeans* (2)
 Sweater/Jacket (bonfires will be happening!!)
 Pajamas
 Socks
 Underwear
 Comfy athletic shoes
 Toiletries/shampoo/conditioner (girls can share if you have a friend coming!!)
 Deodorant (please don't forget!!) ☺
 Toothbrush/toothpaste
 Contact wear/glasses (cases, saline solution, etc.)
 Water bottle

Towel

SLEEPING BAG/twin sheet set
 Pillow
 Small blanket
 BIBLE
 Rosary (if you have one!!)
 Games (if you have some you'd like to share!!)

*Young women of God, if you choose to wear shorts, then please attempt to keep the shorts at a reasonable length (i.e. no butt shorts; think much longer than the school dress code). If you think that the length may be questionable, go longer. Young men, keep those short-shorts at home. ☺ The chaperones reserve the right to ask you to change your clothing if it is inappropriate for activities. Jen also has an infamous pair of sweatpants that she brings along to youth group trips. Trust me; you don't want to wear them!!

To NOT PACK:

Cell phones (Jen can always be reached at 785.766.6189)
 I-Pods/techno gadgets/etc.
 Drugs
 Alcohol
 Weapons of any kind

SPONSOR FAQs:

Who should my sponsor for Confirmation be?

Your Confirmation sponsor should be a confirmed adult in the Catholic Church. This person should be someone that you look up to and someone that you go to for help in guiding you through the everyday trials of life. Sometimes your sponsor is your Godparent, but many times sponsors can be aunts, uncles, family friends, etc. Parents are not eligible to be sponsors, as they are your primary catechists; the point of a sponsor is to have another individual walk alongside you as you prepare.

What are the responsibilities of my sponsor?

Your sponsor is responsible for helping you walk through your preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. You should plan to meet with/talk to this person at least monthly throughout the next eight months. They should also plan to attend the student-sponsor sessions held throughout the year (see the schedule above), as well as the Confirmation rehearsal the night prior to the ceremony. They should serve as a mentor, a guide, and a support to you as you grow in your Catholic faith. At the first student-sponsor session, sponsors will be able to pick up a curriculum guide which will enable them to walk with the students through the eight months of preparation for Confirmation. Packets will also be available for parents to pick up as well, if desired. Sponsors unable to attend this session (i.e. those that live more than one hour away) can email Jen or Lois to request the packet electronically.

Can my sponsor be from out-of-town?

Sponsors can perform their duties from long-distance, but you'll want to be sure to set up a monthly meeting with them in order to chat about your progress in preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. Again, this person should be able to serve as a resource and a sounding board as you grow to love Jesus and understand God's will for your life. If you can do this via the phone/Skype/etc., then your sponsor can certainly be from out-of-town.

Can my sponsor be non-Catholic?

No. Your sponsor needs to be a Confirmed member of the Catholic Church. We certainly invite your friend and faith supporters to share your special day with us, but only confirmed practicing Catholics will be able to serve as your sponsor.

What if my sponsor cannot be here for the ceremony?

In some cases, we are able to arrange for a proxy to stand in for your sponsor if it's necessary for him/her to be absent.

Please detach the bottom portion of the sheet and turn in to Lois Mersmann for our records:

SPONSOR INFORMATION SHEET:

Due by October 16, 2016

Confirmation Candidate Name: _____

Sponsor of Confirmation Candidate: _____

Relationship to student/student family: _____

Email Address of Sponsor: _____

Address of Sponsor: _____

Phone Number of Sponsor: _____

TWENTY-FIVE TRUTHS CATECHISM INSTRUCTIONS AND EXAMPLE OF ANSWER (Question #1)

You may check out a Catechism/Bible from Lois at the Parish Offices or can find the Catechism online here: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catechism/catechism-of-the-catholic-church/epub/index.cfm>. The Catechism is organized into paragraphs, not pages or otherwise. So the paragraphs that contain the answer are paragraphs 1-3 in the Catechism (see the CCC 1-3 there in the notation). A short summary (two sentences is fine) is all that is needed for an answer.

So, for instance, the first question:

“Why did God Create Us?”

Scripture: John 17:3

Compendium: 1

CCC: nos.1-3

YouCat: 1-2

can be answered by looking at the first three paragraphs in the Catechism:

I. The Life of Man—To Know and Love God

1 God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. For this reason, at every time and in every place, God draws close to man. He calls man to seek him, to know him, to love him with all his strength. He calls together all men, scattered and divided by sin, into the unity of his family, the Church. To accomplish this, when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son as Redeemer and Savior. In his Son and through him, he invites men to become, in the Holy Spirit, his adopted children and thus heirs of his blessed life.

2 So that this call should resound throughout the world, Christ sent forth the apostles he had chosen, commissioning them to proclaim the gospel: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.”⁴ Strengthened by this mission, the apostles “went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it.”⁵

3 Those who with God’s help have welcomed Christ’s call and freely responded to it are urged on by love of Christ to proclaim the Good News everywhere in the world. This treasure, received from the apostles, has been faithfully guarded by their successors. All Christ’s faithful are called to hand it on from generation to generation, by professing the faith, by living it in fraternal sharing, and by celebrating it in liturgy and prayer.⁶

The summary/answer to question #1 would be something like:

“God created us to draw close to Him and to go out and spread the Good News of Jesus to all. We are called to be people of community and prayer, passing the faith on from generation to generation.”

Most often, the direct answers will be found in the Catechism, and the Bible passages and the other texts give supporting and collaborative text and evidence. As always, contact Jen at conrad@saint-johns.net if you have questions.

FIFTY CATHOLIC TRUTHS EVERY TEEN SHOULD KNOW

FIRST 25 QUESTIONS

Due November 13, 2016

Candidates, please work together with you parent or sponsor in completing these questions during the month of October. Each question should be answered fully, and can usually be answered in two-four sentences. Feel free to write or type the answers to the questions that follow.

Please use a Bible in addition to any one of the following guides to answer the 25 questions below:
Compendium: Compendium of the Catechism of the Church, a summary of what Catholics believe.
CCC: Catechism of the Catholic Church
YouCat: Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church

1. Why did God Create Us?

Scripture: John 17:3

Compendium: 1

CCC: nos.1-3

YouCat: 1-2

2. How do we know that God exists?

Scripture: Romans 1:20; Hebrews 1: 1-4

Compendium: 3 -4, 9

CCC: nos. 36 – 38, 73

YouCat: 4 – 7

3. How does God reveal Himself in the Old Testament?

Scripture: Genesis 1:1, 3:15; Isaiah 49: 5-6; Hebrew 1:1

Compendium: 6 – 8

CCC: nos. 68 – 72

YouCat: 8

4. Who was Abraham?

Scripture: Genesis 12:1 – 3; Romans 4:1 – 21

Compendium: 8, 26, 536

CCC: nos. 59-60, 145 – 46, 2570-73

YouCat: 8, 471

5. Who was Moses?

Scripture: Exodus 3: 1 – 12

Compendium: 58, 537

CCC: nos. 62, 204-09, 2574-77

YouCat: 47

6. Who was David?

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1 – 13; Matthew 1:1; Acts 13:21-22

Compendium: 538

CCC: nos. 709, 2578-80

YouCat: 473

7. Is everything in the Bible true?

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3: 16-17

Compendium: 18 – 19

CCC: nos. 105 – 14

YouCat: 14 – 16

8. Where do we turn to find out about the life of Jesus?

Scripture: Luke 1: 1- 4

Compendium: 22

CCC: nos. 125 – 27

YouCat: 18

9. What is the Creed?

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15: 3 – 5

Compendium: 33-35

CCC: nos. 185-97

YouCat: 26

10. Why do we accept as true what the Church teaches in matters of faith and morals?

Scripture: Matthew: 28: 19-20; Luke 10

Compendium: 16, 430

CCC: nos. 2032-37

YouCat: 13, 24, 343 – 44

11. Do Christians believe in one God or three Gods?

Scripture: Matthew 28:19

Compendium: 48

CCC: nos. 253 – 56

YouCat: 35

12. Why does God, who is all-loving and all-powerful, allow suffering and evil?

Scripture: Romans 8:28

Compendium: 57 – 58

CCC: nos. 309 – 14

YouCat: 51

13. What is our place in creation?

Scripture: Genesis 1: 26 – 28

Compendium: nos. 63

CCC: nos. 343, 373, 2415-18

YouCat: 56 - 57

14. What is the soul?

Scripture: Genesis 2:27; Matthew 10:28; 1 Corinthians 15:42-49

Compendium: 69-70

CCC: nos. 362 -68

YouCat: 62- 23

15. What is original sin?

Scripture: Genesis 3: 1 – 13; Romans 5: 12-14, 19

Compendium: 76 – 78

CCC: nos. 388-89; 396 – 412

YouCat: 68 – 70

16. Who is Jesus?

Scripture: Matthew 1:21; Luke 1:31, 2:21; John 1:1, 14; Galatians 4: 4-7; Hebrews 2:17, 5:15

Compendium: 81

CCC: nos. 430 – 35

YouCat: 72 - 74

17. What does it mean to accept Jesus as Lord?

Scripture: Matthew 7:21; John 13:13, 20:28, 21:7; Romans 10:9; 1 Corinthians 12:3; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 2:5 – 11; *Revelation* 22:20 – 21

Compendium: 84

CCC: nos. 446-51

YouCat: 75

18. Why did God become man?

Scripture: John 3:16, 15:12; 1 John 4:10; 2 Peter 1:4

Compendium 85

CCC: nos. 456-60

YouCat: 76

19. Why is Mary called the ever-virgin Mother of God and our Blessed Mother?

Scripture: Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:26-38, 48; John 2:1, 19:25 – 27; Revelations 12:17

Compendium: 95, 99 - 100

CCC: nos. 495 – 501, 969, 971

YouCat: 80 – 82, 85

20. What happened at the Last Supper?

Scripture: Luke 22:19; John 13:1 – 15; 1 Corinthians 11:25

Compendium: 120

CCC: nos. 610 - 11

YouCat: 99

21. Why did Jesus die on the Cross?

Scripture: Matthew 20:28; John 13:1; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 2:8

Compendium: 122

CCC: nos. 613 - 17

YouCat: 101

22. What is the Resurrection?

Scripture: Luke 24:5 – 6; John 11:25 – 26; Corinthians 15:14

Compendium: 131

CCC: nos. 651 – 58

YouCat: 104 – 08

23. Who is the Holy Spirit?

Scripture: Matthew 28:19; John 14:25 – 26; Acts 1:8; Romans 5:5, 8:14-17; Galatians 4:6

Compendium: 136, 138 – 39

CCC: nos. 687 – 747

YouCat: 113 – 20

24. What happened on Pentecost?

Scripture: Acts 2:1 – 12

Compendium: 144

CCC: nos. 731 – 32, 767

YouCat: 118

25. Why did Jesus establish the Church?

Scripture: Matthew 16: 13-19, 28: 19-20; Acts 10:35; Revelations 7: 9-10

Compendium: 149, 152-53

CCC: nos. 759, 763-66, 774-76, 781

YouCat: 122-23

FIFTY CATHOLIC TRUTHS EVERY TEEN SHOULD KNOW
SECOND 25 QUESTIONS
Due February 12, 2017

Candidates, please work together with you parent or sponsor in completing these questions during the month of January. Each question should be answered fully, and can usually be answered in two-four sentences. Feel free to write or type the answers to the questions that follow.

26. What are the four marks of the Church?

Scripture: Matthew 28:19; John 17: 20-21; Ephesians 2:19-20, 4: 1-6, 5:25 -27

Compendium: 161, 165 – 66, 174

CCC: nos. 811 – 12

YouCat: 129, 132 – 34, 137

27. What is the vocation of every Christian?

Scripture: John 17:3; 1 Corinthians 9:16

Compendium: 188

CCC: nos. 826-28, 900

YouCat: 138

28. Who is the Pope?

Scripture: Matthew 16: 13-19

Compendium: 182

CCC: nos. 862, 880 – 82

YouCat: 141

29. What is religious life?

Scripture: Matthew 19:21, 27 – 29, 1 Corinthians 7: 32-35

Compendium: 192 – 93

CCC: nos. 914-33, 944-45

YouCat: 145

30. How do Mary and the saints help us?

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 4: 16, 11:1

Compendium: 195, 197

CCC: nos. 956, 975

YouCat: 147-49

31. What is Heaven?

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2:9, 13:12

Compendium: 209

CCC: nos. 1023 – 29

YouCat: 158

32. What is purgatory?

Scripture: 2 Maccabees 12:46; Matthew 12:32; 1 Corinthians 3:15; 1 Peter 1:7

Compendium: 210 – 11

CCC: nos. 1030 – 32

YouCat: 159 – 60

33. Does hell exist?

Scripture: Matthew 10:28, 11:40-42, 25:41-46; 1 John 3:14-15

Compendium: 212 – 13

CCC: nos. 1033 – 37

YouCat: 161

34. What happens to us at Baptism?

Scripture: Romans 6:3 – 4; Corinthians 5:17; 2 Peter 1:4

Compendium: 263

CCC: nos. 1262-70

YouCat: 200

35. What is the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Scripture: Acts 8:14 – 17

Compendium: 268

CCC: nos. 1302 – 05, 1316

YouCat: 203 – 05

36. What is the Mass?

Scripture: Malachi 1:11; Luke 22: 7-20, 24, 24: 13-35

Acts 2:42; Hebrews 7:25 – 27

Compendium: 275, 280

CCC: nos. 1332, 1341, 1345 – 47, 1362 – 68

YouCat: 212 – 14, 217, 221

37. What do Catholics Believe concerning Christ's presence in the Eucharist?

Scripture: John 6:22-69; 1 Corinthians 11:23 – 29

Compendium: 282 – 86

CCC: nos. 1373 – 81

YouCat: 208, 211

38. How should we prepare to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion?

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:27 – 29

Compendium: 291

CCC: nos. 1384 – 87

YouCat: 220

39. Why do we need the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

Scripture: John 20: 19 – 23

Compendium: 297

CCC: nos. 1425 -26, 1486

YouCat: 226

40. What does it mean to become a priest?

Scripture: Titus 1:5; James 5:14; Hebrews 7:17

Compendium: 328, 336

CCC: nos. 1562 – 68

YouCat: 254

41. What does the Church teach about marriage?

Scripture: Genesis 2:21 – 24; Matthew 19:5 – 6

Compendium: 337 -38

CCC: nos. 1601

YouCat: 260 – 63

42. What is human freedom?

Scripture: John 8:32; Galatians 5:1

Compendium: 362

CCC: nos. 1744 – 45

YouCat: 286 – 88

43. What is Virtue?

Scripture: Wisdom 8:7; 1 Corinthians 13:13; Philippians 4:8; Titus 2:11 -13

Compendium: 377

CCC: nos. 1803, 1833 – 44

YouCat: 299

44. What are sins?

Scripture: Psalm 51; 1 Corinthians 6: 9 – 11

Compendium: 392

CCC: nos. 1849 – 51

YouCat: 315

45. Are some sins more serious than others?

Scripture: 1 John 5: 16-17

Compendium: 394 – 96

CCC: nos. 1854 – 64

YouCat: 316

46. What is the basis of human dignity?

Scripture: Luke 10:25 – 37

Compendium: 411 – 12

CCC: nos. 1929 -33

YouCat: 329 – 32

47. What is the purpose of the Commandments?

Scripture: Exodus 20: 1 – 17; Matthew 5: 17 -19, 19: 16-19

Compendium: 434 – 35

CCC: nos. 2052 – 63

YouCat: 348 – 51

48. What is so special about Sunday?

Scripture: Psalm 118:24; Matthew 28:1

Compendium: 452 – 54

CCC: nos. 2174, 2192 – 95

YouCat: 364 - 66

49. What does it mean to be chaste?

Scripture: Sirach 1:22; Matthew 5: 27-28; Galatians 5:22

Compendium: 488 – 91

CCC: nos. 2337 – 50

YouCat: 404 – 06

50. Why should we pray?

Scripture: Psalm 95: 1-6; Luke 18: 13; 1 Thessalonians 5:18; 1 Timothy 2:1;

Revelations 7:11 – 12

Compendium: 534 – 35, 550

CCC: nos. 2566-67, 2644

YouCat: 469 – 70, 483

TEMPLATE FOR THE LETTER TO THE ARCHBISHOP

Must be typed, double spaced, and complete.

DUE FEBRUARY 12, 2017

St. John the Evangelist Church
Lawrence, KS
(Date)

Dear **Archbishop Naumann,**

Paragraph 1: Introduce yourself to the Archbishop. Tell a little bit about your family and family history—your parents; brothers or sisters (younger, older). Tell the Archbishop of your accomplishments (in school, Scouts, 4-H, etc.) and any extra interests that you have, (sports you participate in, musical instruments you play, places you've traveled, etc.). You can write more than one paragraph if you wish—this is your chance to let the Archbishop know who you are!!

Paragraph 2: Tell which saint's name you have chosen for Confirmation and why you chose this particular person. How does the story of the saint you've chosen speak to you and your life? Also in this paragraph, give the full name of your sponsor. Inform the bishop of their relationship to you or your family and tell why you chose him/her to walk with you this year.

Paragraph 3: Tell what you have learned about the Catholic faith, the Church, and/or about yourself during the course of the Confirmation Preparation Program. What was your favorite part about the year? The most difficult thing to understand? Ask him to pray for you as you move forward in continuing to learn more about the Catholic faith.

Think of the various service hour activities you've participated in since Confirmation class began in September as well as getting together with classmates and adults every Wednesday to explore your faith. What did your participation teach you and how did it help you choose to be confirmed in the Catholic Church? Once again, you may write more than one paragraph if you wish.

Paragraph 4: Conclude with a sentence or two asking the Archbishop to confirm you and stating your desire to be confirmed. For example: "Therefore, I am asking to be confirmed on DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED, at St. John the Evangelist Church in Lawrence, Kansas."

Sincerely,
(Your signature)

SAINT FAQ

Why do we choose a saint to serve as our confirmation name?

When we are confirmed, we recognize and re-instate our belief that this life and this world is not the end and that our souls continue to live on after we die. We also acknowledge that the Body of Christ is made up of many, many believers in Heaven, believers who can be powerful intercessors for us still here on earth. We choose a saint that we can relate to and like so that we can ask for their intercession here on earth so that we can more easily get to heaven!

This saint also becomes our role model for our lives here on earth, helping us get to heaven through prayer, but also giving us a realistic road map of how to get there. By learning about their lives we can grow in our understanding of the Catholic faith and Jesus.

Do I have to choose a saint name?

You do not have to choose the name of a saint if you don't want to; you can be confirmed under your baptismal name. If you chose to not have a saint, you need to reflect on the type of person you want to be, and the type of life you feel called to live.

Please fill out the following form and hand in by February 12, 2017.

SAINT INFORMATION SHEET:

Due by February 12, 2017

Candidate Name: _____

Saint I have chosen: _____

Reason I have chosen this particular saint: _____

SERVICE HOURS FORM

Due on February 12, 2017 (will be adjusted if Confirmation date is in early February)

Thirty hours of service must be completed by each student in order to be confirmed at St. John the Evangelist. These hours should be spread across three areas (home, community, and Church), so as to fully explore the breadth of experiences that are available to serve God and others. Please talk to your group leader if you are having trouble figuring out what types of service might count for each category.

Students may begin documenting hours on June 1, 2016.

HOME:

COMMUNITY:

CHURCH:

I confirm and certify that these service hours are reported fully and accurately.

Signature of student: _____

Signature of parent: _____