

St. Mary Catholic Church Confirmation Preparation

PARENT/CANDIDATE FAITH REVIEW QUESTIONS

Here are 60 questions to go over with your child. By April 2012 they should be very familiar with these and able to answer them when called upon. They should be fairly familiar with each set of questions by the dates specified. If you need any additional resources to get answers for the questions, you can always look to others in our parish. There are many wise and learned people in our faith community, and it also involves them in the Confirmation process!

Questions #1-15 by November 6, 2011

1. When is the sacrament of reconciliation celebrated in your parish? How often can you go?
2. What is a lector?
3. What is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion? Who can be one?
4. Give the names of all the bishops in the Archdiocese of Portland.
5. How many dioceses are in Oregon? What is a diocese or archdiocese?
6. Why do some cultures kiss their hand after the sign of the cross?
7. What are the Ten Commandments and what is the difference between the traditional Catholic version vs. Protestant versions?
8. What are the two "great commandments"?
9. Tell something significant about each of the following people:
Francis of Assisi Mother Teresa of Calcutta St. Faustina
10. Tell something significant about each of these great Christian leaders:
Therese of Lisieux Thomas Aquinas St. Pio of Pietrelcina
11. What is the name of our diocesan newspaper?
12. What does it mean to *tithe*? Who needs to do this?
13. What is the money collected in your parish church used for?
14. What are the three theological virtues?
15. What are the four cardinal virtues?

Questions #16-30 by January 8, 2012

16. What is the original meaning of the word *catholic*?
17. What are the eight beatitudes?
18. Explain the Stations of the Cross. When can you attend these at St. Mary's?
19. Can a Catholic receive communion at a non-Catholic service? Can a non-Catholic receive communion at a Catholic Mass? (Hint: read the notes on this at the very front of the Sunday Missal)
20. List and describe the seven Sacraments.
21. What is the official teaching of the Catholic Church concerning birth control?
22. What is the official teaching of the church regarding premarital sexual intercourse?
23. How should a person prepare to receive Holy Communion? What should one do after receiving?
24. What is meant by the theological term *transubstantiation*?
25. What is meant by "the seal of the confessional"?
26. Give two common names for the sacrament of reconciliation.
27. What do you say when you go to Confession? (the form you use...not the sins you say!!)
28. What is the Act of Contrition?
29. What are the two main parts of the Mass? What (in general) takes place during each?
30. Put these parts of the Mass in the correct order:

Prayer over the gifts	Communion Rite	Consecration
Eucharistic prayer	Our Father	Gospel
Great Amen	Entrance Rite	Holy, holy, holy
Epistle		

Questions #31-45 by February 5, 2012

31. What is meant by the term *ecumenism*?
32. How is the Liturgical Year broken up?
33. What are the requirements to be married at St. Mary's?
34. What is the Ascension?
35. What is the Assumption?
36. What is the Liturgy of the Hours?
37. Give an explanation of Lectio Devina.
38. What is meant by the "gift of infallibility" given to the church? Under what conditions are the teachings of the pope considered infallible?
39. When and where was Vatican Council II held?
40. Name at least 2 changes that came about in the church as a result of Vatican Council II.
41. What are the twenty Mysteries of the Rosary?
42. Describe each of these roles or positions in the church and name one:

Pope	Cardinal
Bishop	Priest
Deacon	Permanent Deacon
43. In what three languages were the books of the Bible first written? (Hint: Many bibles, especially study bibles, give the history of the bible in the front of the bible and histories of each book in the bible at the beginning of each book)
44. What is meant by the *Septuagint*? The *Vulgate*?
45. Which English translation(s) of the bible is used in official Catholic liturgies?

Questions #46-60 by March 4, 2012

46. Name the twelve apostles.
47. List the last 3 popes, the years of their papacy, and one significant fact about each.
48. Identify each of these Old Testament characters:

Abraham	Joseph	Esther	Moses	David
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49. Identify each of these New Testament characters:

Simon Peter	Paul	The Prodigal Son	John the Beloved
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50. When is Advent celebrated? What special prayers and practices are associated with Advent?
51. When is Lent celebrated? What special prayers and practices are associated with Lent?
52. What are "holy days of obligation"? List them, describe what it celebrates and what we must do on them.
53. Identify these feasts. Tell what special events each commemorates:

Ash Wednesday	Holy Saturday
Holy Thursday	Easter
Good Friday	Pentecost
54. What is the distinction between *the virgin birth* and the *Immaculate Conception*?
55. What are fasting and abstinence? What are the rules governing these in our diocese?
56. Do religion and politics mix? Does our faith effect how we vote?
57. What is chastity? What does chastity within Marriage mean?
58. Where do you find the letters *INRI*? What do they stand for?
59. What color vestments are worn at Mass? For what kind of feast or season is each color worn?
60. If someone asked you "What do we believe as Catholics" What would you say?