

Interview Questions

Initial Interview

1. Give three events or experiences that have changed or shaped your life.
2. What is a Christian? Are you one?
3. What would you like to get out of the confirmation process?
4. What are some differences between Protestants and Catholics?
5. How would you describe your current level of participation and frequency of attending Mass?
6. What kinds of things do you struggle with as far as faith, God, and Church?
7. What would you like to cover in the confirmation process to help you more fully understand God, faith, and Church?
8. What would make this the best possible experience for you?

Final Interview

1. Review the three events (from the initial interview). See if anything has changed or shaped them.
2. What is confirmation?
 - What is the connection between baptism and confirmation?
 - Why should you do service?
 - What's the connection of service to confirmation?
 - What have been good service experiences?
 - What have you learned?
 - With what do you still struggle?
3. Give an example of when the Holy Spirit has been present with you in a unique way.
4. What can we (the parish) do to keep you active, involved, and interested in the Church?
5. What changes have you seen in yourself since the confirmation process started?

Are They Ready? Should it be postponed?

For various reasons, there may be questions if a candidate is ready for Confirmation. Although we cannot determine what is in the heart in terms of readiness for Confirmation, the following guidelines could be helpful in determining readiness on an objective level.

Has the candidate met all requirements for the parish program?

Has the candidate shown growth in terms of commitment, particularly in the areas of mass attendance, service opportunities, and class discussions?

Does the candidate have a basic understanding of Catholicism?

If mass attendance is problematic, what steps have been taken to get the candidate to understand the responsibility for participating? This means more than telling them to go to mass. (i.e. Connect the youth with an adult mentor or create an agreement for improvement on attendance.)