

## **Interview with One or Both of Your Parents**

As you prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation take time to interview your parents about their own faith journey as well as their hopes for you on your faith journey. Please set up a time to meet with your Mom or Dad (or both) to “interview” him/her. It would be best to meet with your parents in person at a time when it can be just you and them, but if that is not possible a zoom call or phone call will work. You parents made promises for you at Baptism that were very important. You should take a minute to thank them for raising you in our beautiful Catholic faith.

Although you will be asking your parents questions in the format of an interview, your meeting should really be a discussion, with you adding your own insights and thoughts. You should invite your parents to ask you questions too.

- Start you meeting by praying together!
- At the end of the meeting please sign and date this form with your parents.
- You will need to write short answers to the questions.
- This parent interview form is to be turned in before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. You will get the copy of the interview back at Confirmation to keep for the future.

**Date interview took place** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Printed Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Parent Interview Questions**

1. How did you become Catholic? Were you baptized when you were a baby, or did you become Catholic as an adult through RCIA program? Tell me about how you first learned about your faith, whether you were a child or an adult.

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2. As a Catholic, what makes you different from other Christians? What does it mean for you to be Catholic?

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3. What do you remember about your own Confirmation? (How old were you? Where was it? Who was your Sponsor? What is your Saints name? Why did you choose that Saint?)

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4. How do you pray? Do you have a favorite place to pray or a favorite time to pray? Do you ever find it difficult to pray? What are some of your favorite prayers or ways to pray? What obstacles do you find in praying regularly and how do you overcome these obstacles?

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5. Have you ever had a time in your life when you felt close to God? Would you please tell me about it?

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6. Have you ever had a time in your life where you struggled with your faith? How did you keep your faith in the end?

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7. Do you have a favorite saint (or favorite saints)? Why is he/she your favorite? What is there about his/her life that has helped you on your faith journey?

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8. What is your favorite Scripture passage, verse, or story? What do you like about it?

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9. In what ways do you feel that celebrating the Eucharist (the Mass) every week (or maybe even every day) strengthens and nourishes you to live as a Catholic? Did you have a time when you did not like going to Mass? Do you like going to Mass now? What do you think caused this change?

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10. One very special aspect of our Catholic faith is the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance, Confession). Tell me about your own feelings and thoughts about this Sacrament. What kind of preparations do you find helpful before you celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

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11. Who has been a good role model for you to live according to your Catholic faith? What has he/she taught you or shown you? How has he/she helped deepen your faith?

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12. How has participation in Christian community service played a role in your life? In what types of service have you enjoyed participating? What have you learned from these experiences?

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13. What is the greatest challenge about being Catholic? What is the best thing about being Catholic?

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14. Can you please tell me about my Baptism? Where was it? Who was there? How did you pick my God Parents?

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15. Why is it important to you that I am an active Catholic?

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16. How does our Catholic faith impact decisions you have made for our family?

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17. Through the Sacrament of Confirmation, the gifts we first received at our Baptism: Wisdom, Right Judgment (Counsel), Knowledge, Fear of the Lord (Wonder and Awe), Understanding, Fortitude (Courage), Piety (Reverence), are strengthened and increased within each of us. These seven special gifts represent all the gifts and blessings that God give us to lead a good and holy life. They are special graces that are given to us through the Holy Spirit to enable us to respond to God's call to holiness. Reflecting back on your life experiences and decisions, which gifts have you used a lot? What gift do you need to use more?

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18. What spiritual advice do you have for me as I prepare for Confirmation and beyond?

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