

Confirmation Question Project

These are questions about the Catholic Church and about St. Rita Parish that you should be able to answer. Some of them can be answered by memory; some will require research. Some answers can be found in the parish bulletin, others you might find online. Do not call the rectory for answers. You and your parents are to complete the project together. This should be turned in at the Candidate Retreat Day.

The following resources are recommended: The Bible, a Bible Dictionary, The Catechism of the Catholic Church, A Catholic Dictionary, or Catholic Encyclopedia. (Some of these are available for your use at the Learning Center.) You need not write out the questions but make sure that your answers are complete. Answers must be printed neatly, with correct spelling.

1. Write the "Our Father" neatly and with correct spelling.
2. Write the "Hail Mary" neatly and with correct spelling.
3. Write the "Glory Be" neatly and with correct spelling.
4. Write the prayer before meals.
5. Write all the words of the Sign of the Cross.
6. Write the Ten Commandments in order.
7. What are the 2 "Great Commandments" that contain the whole law of God?
8. Who are your patron saints? Tell something about their lives and work.
9. What are the 3 Theological Virtues?
10. What are the 4 Cardinal Virtues?
11. What are the Corporal Works of Mercy?
12. What are the Spiritual Works of Mercy?
13. List the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.
14. List the Fruits of the Holy Spirit.
15. Write the Confiteor. (I confess...)
16. Write the 7 deadly sins.
17. What is the original meaning of the word Catholic?
18. Write the 8 Beatitudes. Explain them.
19. Explain the Catholic Devotion called Stations of the Cross. List the Stations.
20. Write the Apostle's Creed.
21. Write the Nicene Creed.
22. Write the Act of Contrition.
23. What prayers are said during the Rosary?

24. Write the five Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.
25. Write the five Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.
26. Write the Five Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary.
27. Write the five Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary.
28. When is Advent celebrated? What special prayers and practices are associated with Advent?
29. When is Lent celebrated? What special prayers and practices are associated with Lent?
30. What is Fasting and what are the rules in your diocese governing fasting?
31. Name the Sacraments.
32. List the Holy Days of Obligation. Describe each.
33. Explain the difference between the Immaculate Conception and the Virgin Birth.
34. What is the weekend Mass schedule at your parish? Are there any special features at any of the Masses?
35. List the religious services (beside Masses) which are held in your parish?
36. When are weekday Masses celebrated in your parish?
37. When is the Sacrament of Reconciliation celebrated communally in your parish?
When are there opportunities for the individual celebration of Reconciliation (Confession)?
38. What color Vestments are worn at Mass for each season?
39. What is the money collected in your parish used for?
40. What is required in your parish to qualify as a reader at Mass?
41. What is required in your parish to qualify as a Eucharistic Minister?
42. Give the names of the Bishops of your Diocese. Give the name of the Cardinal.
43. List 2 organizations in your parish and the work done by each.
44. Give 3 items of business discussed at a recent parish council meeting at your parish.
45. Name 5 lay persons who hold leadership positions in your parish, and give the position each holds.
46. List your parish mission statement.
47. Who can administer the sacrament of Baptism?
48. What conditions must a parent fulfill to have their child baptized?
49. What are the responsibilities of a baptismal sponsor?

50. Who can be a sponsor at a Catholic Baptism?
51. Can a Catholic be a sponsor at a non-Catholic Baptism?
52. What is required for the worthy reception of Confirmation?
53. How is the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick celebrated?
54. When should the Sacrament of Anointing be received?
55. What help does a sick person receive from the Sacrament of Anointing?
56. What is required to receive Holy Communion worthily?
57. How should a person prepare to receive Communion? What should one do after receiving?
58. What is required to receive Holy Orders in the Roman Catholic Church today?
59. What special graces and powers does a Priest receive through the Sacrament of Holy Orders?
60. How is the Sacrament of Holy Orders administered?
61. What is required to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony worthily?
62. Under what conditions might a priest refuse the Sacrament of Matrimony to a couple?
63. Who administers the Sacrament of Matrimony?
64. Who can be an attendant at a Catholic wedding? Can a Catholic be an attendant at a non-Catholic wedding?
65. What is the Catholic position of divorce and remarriage? How is divorce different from annulment?
66. What is a marriage annulment? Under what conditions does the church grant an annulment?
67. Priests in the Roman Catholic Church are required to take a vow of celibacy. What is the purpose of this law?
68. What is meant by the Seal of the Confessional?
69. Give 2 common names for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
70. Give a description of the process of Reconciliation.
71. What are the two main parts of the Mass? What takes place during each?
72. Put these parts of the Mass in order: Prayer over the gifts, Consecration, Our Father, Entrance Rite, Epistle, Communion Rite, Eucharistic Prayer, Gospel, Great Amen, Holy, Holy, Holy.
73. When was the Vatican II Council held? Who attended? What was the purpose?

74. Name 5 changes that came about in the church as a result of Vatican II.
75. List the last 5 Popes.
76. What is meant by the College of Bishops?
77. What is meant by the gift of infallibility given to the Church?
78. Describe each of these church structures: Archdiocese, Deanery, Diocese, Parish, College of Cardinals.
79. Name the 12 Apostles.
80. Describe each of these roles or positions in the Church: Pope, Cardinal, Bishop, Priest, Deacon, Permanent Deacon, Nun, Catechist, DRE, Youth Minister.
81. Tell something significant about two of these great Christian Leaders: Francis of Assisi, Augustine, Dorothy Day, Thomas More, Thomas Aquinas, Elizabeth Ann Seton, Karl Rahner, John Paul II, St. Rita, Therese of Lisieux.
82. Define: Transubstantiation, abstinence, grace, Emmanuel, Schism, Vatican, Miter, Sacramentals, Requiem Mass, Nuptial Mass, Altar, Sanctuary, Lectionary, Sacramentary, Chrism, Ambo, Baptismal Font, Holy Water Font, Sanctuary Light, Chalice, Pall, Purificator, Ciborium, Incense, Censer, Chalice, Monstrance, Paten, Pyx, Sacarium, Alb, Cassock, Cincture, Stole, Tabernacle, Corporal, Host, covenant, absolution, chastity, consecration, encyclical, evangelization, justification, mortal sin, novena, prostration, stewardship, Triduum, Wake Service, Examination of Conscience, Magisterium.
83. Identify 5 of these Old Testament characters: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, David, Rebecca, Judith, Esther, Tobit, Isaiah, Moses, Jeremiah, Esau, Jonathan, Solomon.
84. Identify 5 of these New Testament Characters: John the Beloved, Bartimaeus, Daughter of Jairus, Prodigal Son, Luke, Stephen, Simon Peter, Paul, Mary Magdalene, Judas Iscariot, Nicodemus, Herod.
85. Define these Biblical Terms: Pentateuch, Psalm, Exodus, Pharisee, Sabbath, Yahweh.
86. What is the official teaching of the Catholic Church concerning birth control?
87. What is the official teaching of the Catholic Church regarding premarital sexual intercourse?
88. Does a Wedding Mass on a Saturday Afternoon "count" as a Sunday Mass?
89. Identify these feasts: Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter, Pentecost. What do we celebrate on each of these.