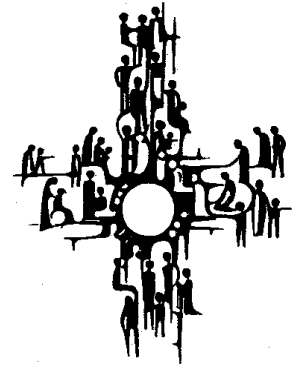


Confirmation: Consecrated for Mission

Based on Chapter 16, "Confirmation: Consecrated for Mission,"
(United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, pages 201-211)



I. Lesson of Faith (taken from pages 201-202)

The Prayer Leader reads or invites the participants to read silently, "Frances Cabrini: Go to America" and then invites all to reflect silently on the following:

St. Frances Cabrini responded generously to the grace of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

How does her story help you to better understand your consecration for the Church's mission?

II. From the Catechism (taken from page 208)

The Prayer Leader concludes the period of reflection by reading the following statement:

To this end the catechesis for Confirmation should strive to awaken a sense of belonging to the Church of Jesus Christ, the universal Church as well as the parish community. (cf. CCC 1309)

III. Meditation – 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Reader:

The One who gives us security with you in Christ and who anointed us in God; he has also put his seal upon us and given the spirit in our hearts as a first installment. The Word of the Lord.

After a moment of silence, the Reader then prays the Response.

IV. Response (based on Doctrinal Statements on page 210)

Our response is: Come, Holy Spirit.

Jesus promised the Apostles that he would send the Holy Spirit upon them. At Pentecost, that promise of Christ was fulfilled... (Response) (Jn.16:12-15; Acts2:1-47)

Confirmation effects a permanent character, perfection of Baptismal grace, increase in the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit, a deepening of identity as adopted as children of God, a closer bond to the Church and her mission and helps for bearing witness. (Response) (USCCA, page 210)

The spiritual indelible mark (or character)...affirms a permanent relationship with God and indicate that this sacrament may be received only once. (Response) (USCCA, page 211)

The celebration of Confirmation during the Eucharist helps underline the unity of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation. (Response) (CCC 1321)

When Confirmation is celebrated separately from Baptism, its connection with Baptism is expressed, among other ways, by the renewal of the baptismal promises. (Response) (CCC 1321)

V. For Discussion (based on page 209)

The Prayer Leader introduces the discussion statement. He/she then asks participants to discuss for three to five minutes.

Describe your preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation and your memories of your reception of this sacrament.

VI. Prayer – *Prayer Leader asks all to pray::*

Together let us pray:

Breathe on me, breath of God
My soul with grace refine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with your fire divine. (Edwin Hatch)



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