

CONFIRMATION QUESTIONS

These are questions about the church and about your parish that you should be able to answer by the conclusion of Confirmation Prep. Don't be overwhelmed, because the majority of the answers can be found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (available at any library and the parish office) and at your ROC Days. So, bring these with you to each session and plan to work on a few questions each month so it will be completed by the spring. Some of them can be answered from memory; some will require research. Some answers can be found only by asking the right person. Feel free to work on these questions with your sponsor, a parent, or a group of candidates. Of course, you are discouraged from simply copying the answers from one another. Especially since you will be tested individually at the Spring Retreat over the content, and not as a group.

You can answer the questions on this sheet or on a separate sheet of paper. Whatever method you choose, please return your Question Sheet and the answers upon completion, but no later than March 15th.

1. List at least five (5) parish ministries at St. Ambrose and the work done by each.
2. Give the full name of the bishop in our diocese. Where does he live?
3. Write an Act of Contrition.
4. Write the Ten Commandments.
5. What is the name of our diocesan newspaper? Name a regular feature.
6. Write the eight beatitudes (see Mt 5).

7. Who are your patron saints? Tell something about their lives and work.
8. What is the weekend Mass schedule at our parish?
9. What is the money collected in our parish church used for?
10. What is the meaning of the word "catholic"?
11. Give the name and address of a religious goods or Christian bookstore in our area.
12. Explain how to pray the stations of the cross.
13. Who can administer the sacrament of baptism?
14. What conditions must parents fulfill in order to have a child baptized?
15. Who administers the sacrament of matrimony?
16. Under what conditions might a priest refuse the sacrament of matrimony to a couple?
17. Give two other common names for the sacrament of reconciliation.
18. What is meant by the seal of the confessional?
19. a.) Who can be an attendant at a Catholic wedding?
b.) Can a Catholic be an attendant at a non-Catholic wedding?

20. What special graces and powers does a priest receive through the sacrament of holy orders?

21. How is the sacrament of holy orders administered?

22. What is required to receive holy orders in the Roman Catholic Church today?

23. a.) List the five joyful mysteries of the rosary.

b.) List the five sorrowful mysteries of the rosary.

c.) List the five Luminous Mysteries of the rosary.

d.) List the five glorious mysteries of the rosary.

24. a.) What is the Catholic position on divorce and remarriage?

b.) How is divorce different from annulment?

25. a.) What is an ecumenical council?

b.) When was the most recent ecumenical council?

c.) What changes did it bring to the Church?

26. What is meant by the term ecumenism?

27. What are the six holy days of obligation in the United States? List them and give the dates when each is celebrated.

28. Identify each of these New Testament characters:

The Beloved Disciple --

Saul --

Joanna --

Tabitha --

Luke --

29. What is the date and time for Confirmation at St. Ambrose this year?

30. What are the two greatest mysteries of our Christian faith? Explain them briefly.

31. Where do you find the letters INRI? What do they stand for?

32. When are the weekday Masses celebrated in our parish?

33. What is the official teaching of the Church regarding premarital sexual intercourse?

34. Does a wedding Mass on a Saturday afternoon fulfill the Sunday mass obligation?

-- a funeral mass on a Saturday morning?

35. When is Advent celebrated?

What special prayers and practices are associated with Advent?

36. Under what conditions does the Church grant a marriage annulment?

37. What is fasting? What are the rules governing fasting in our diocese?

38. Name the color of vestment that is worn at during each of the following times.

Easter

Ordinary Time

Advent

Christmas

Lent

Pentecost

Wedding

39. List the times the sacrament of reconciliation is regularly offered at St. Ambrose.

40. What is a communal celebration?

41. What is the term lay person?

Give an example.

42. What is the Catholic teaching on homosexuality and lesbianism?

43. Define these biblical terms:

Pentateuch:

Psalm:

Yahweh:

Exodus:

Pharisee:

Sabbath:

44. When is Lent celebrated?

45. What special prayers and practices are associated with Lent?

46. What is meant by the term Latin mass?

47. What is the distinction between the virgin birth and the Immaculate Conception?

48. What is fornication? Is it forbidden in the Bible?

49. What is required to receive the sacrament of matrimony worthily?

50. How is the sacrament of anointing the sick celebrated?

51. What is meant by the theological term transubstantiation?

52. What are the three theological virtues?

53. What are the four cardinal virtues?

54. Identify each of these Old Testament characters:

Isaiah --

Moses --

Solomon --

Miriam --

Jonathan --

55 Identify each of these New Testament characters:

Simon Peter --

Paul --

Mary Magdalen --

Martha --

Nicodemus --

Herodias --

56. What is the difference between apostle and disciple?

58. Name the twelve apostles.

59. In what three (3) languages were the books of the Bible first written?

60. Identify the following special days. Tell what events each commemorates.

Ash Wednesday --

Holy Thursday --

Good Friday --
 Holy Saturday --
 Easter --
 Pentecost --

61. What are the responsibilities of the baptismal sponsor? What are the requirements for being a sponsor (godparent) at a Catholic baptism?
62. Can a Catholic receive communion at a non-Catholic service? Can a non-Catholic receive communion at a Catholic mass? Why or why not?
63. Name three national Catholic newspapers or magazines.
64. What is meant by the term Septuagint? Vulgate?
65. When should the sacrament of anointing be received?
66. Priests in the Roman Catholic Church are required to take a vow of celibacy. What is the purpose of this law?
67. What help does the sick person receive from the sacrament of anointing?
68. What are the three vows taken by men and women religious? What does each vow mean?
69. a.) Who was the pope who convened Vatican Council II?
 b.) Who was the pope who closed Vatican Council II?
70. What is meant by Infallibility? Under what conditions are the teachings of the pope considered infallible?
71. Identify each of these Old Testament characters:
 Abraham --
 Esther --
 Joseph --
 Jacob --

Sarah --
 Rebecca --

72. Tell something significant about each of the following great Christian leaders.

St. Francis of Assisi --
 Mother Teresa --
 St. Thomas More
 St. Augustine --
 Dorothy Day --

73. Tell something significant about each of the following Christian leaders.

St. Thomas Aquinas --
 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton --
 John XXIII

75. List the last two popes, the years of their papacy, and one significant fact about each.

76. Describe each of these church structures:

archdiocese --
 diocese --
 college of cardinals --
 deanery --
 parish --
 parish council --

77. Describe each of these roles or positions in the church:

pope --
 cardinal --
 bishop --
 priest --
 deacon --
 monsignor --
 nun --

78. What is required for worthy reception of Confirmation?

79. What is required to receive Holy Communion worthily?

80. How should a person prepare to receive Holy Communion? What should one do immediately after receiving?

81. What is the official teaching of the Catholic Church regarding birth control or contraception?

82. Put the following parts of the Mass in sequential order. (1 - 12)

Prayer over the gifts	First Reading	Sign of Peace
Consecration	Communion	Holy, Holy, Holy
Our Father	Homily	Penitential Rite
Gospel	Dismissal	Eucharistic Prayer

83. What are the two main parts of the Mass? What takes place during each?

84. What do you do when you go to Confession? Give a step-by-step description.

85. What is required at St. Ambrose to qualify as a Minister of Holy Communion?

86. What are the two major bases on which Catholics base our faith?

87. What is abstinence? What are the rules governing abstinence in our diocese?

88. Tell whether each of these English translations of the Bible is accepted by Catholics or Protestants or Both. (C-P-B)

King James	_____
New Jerusalem	_____
Good News	_____
The Way	_____
Revised Standard	_____
New American	_____

89. Which English translation(s) of the Bible is used in official Catholic liturgies?