

TRUTHS OF OUR FAITH 8th GRADE
CONFIRMATION TEST REVIEW QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

A.) The Ten Commandments

1. **Memorize the Ten Commandments in order.**
 - 1.) I am the Lord your God; you shall have no strange gods before Me.
 - 2.) You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
 - 3.) Keep holy the Lord's Day.
 - 4.) Honor your mother and father.
 - 5.) You shall not kill.
 - 6.) You shall not commit adultery.
 - 7.) You shall not steal.
 - 8.) You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
 - 9.) You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
 - 10.) You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

B.) Sacraments

2. **What is a sacrament?**

An outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace.
3. **What is grace?**

God's presence among us.
4. **Name the seven sacraments.**

Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, Matrimony, Holy Orders, Anointing of the Sick.
5. **What are the Sacraments of Initiation?**

Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders.
6. **Which sacraments bestow a sacramental character and so can only be received once?**

Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders.
7. **What is Baptism?**

The sacrament that gives our souls new life, makes us children of God and members of the Christian community, the Church.
8. **What does Baptism do?**

Baptism washes away original sin and gives us grace.
9. **Who administers Baptism?**

Usually a priest or deacon, but in danger of death, anyone can baptize.
10. **How would a priest or deacon baptize someone?**

By pouring holy water over a person's forehead and saying at the same time, "(Name), I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."
11. **What is Reconciliation?**

The sacrament by which sins committed after Baptism are forgiven through the absolution of a priest. Often referred to as Confession or Penance.
12. **Who has the power to forgive sin?**

A priest.
13. **What is Holy Communion?**

Receiving Jesus in the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, that is, the body and blood of Jesus under the appearance of bread and wine.

- 14. How does one receive Communion worthily?**
By being free from mortal sin and having fasted for one hour before receiving Communion.
- 15. When, where, and by whom was Holy Eucharist instituted?**
On Holy Thursday, at the Last Supper, by Jesus Christ.
- 16. What is Viaticum?**
When Holy Communion is received by someone who is dying.
- 17. What is Confirmation?**
Confirmation is the Sacrament through which the Holy Spirit comes to us in a special way with many gifts and helps us to profess our faith as strong witnesses for Christ.
- 18. Who is the celebrant of Confirmation?**
Usually the bishop, but if not, a priest delegated by the bishop.
- 19. What is chrism?**
A mixture of oil and balm blessed by the bishop at the Chrism Mass during Holy Week.
- 20. What are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and what does each gift do?**
1.) Fear of the Lord: The gift to stand before God with awe and respect
2.) Piety: The gift that leads us into a relationship of love and devotion with God
3.) Counsel: The gift to know God's will
4.) Wisdom: The gift to know how to do God's will
5.) Fortitude: The gift of strength and power to do God's will
6.) Knowledge: The gift to know that the revealed truths of God are true
7.) Understanding: The gift to comprehend the revealed truths of God
- 21. What is necessary to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation worthily?**
To be in a state of grace and to know the chief truths and duties of our religion.
- 22. Why do we take the name of a saint for Confirmation?**
So we may pray in a special way to the particular saint for his/her intercession. We usually pick the name of a saint whose life resembles our own or whose life we admire; we may also pick the name of a saint that is the name of someone we admire.
- 23. Who are the ministers of the Sacrament of Matrimony?**
The bride and the groom.
- 24. What is divorce?**
The legal separation of married persons; a complete severance of the marriage bond. Divorce is not a sin except for those who willfully and deliberately cause the marriage to end.
- 25. May a divorced person receive the sacraments?**
A divorced person who is not remarried may receive the sacraments.
- 26. What is an annulment?**
An annulment dissolves a marriage in the eyes of the Catholic Church.
- 27. What is the Sacrament of Holy Orders?**
The sacrament through which a man receives the power and grace to perform the sacred duties and ministries of bishop, priest, and deacon.
- 28. What is the ceremony of Holy Orders called and who is the minister of Holy Orders?**
Ordination. A bishop.

C.) The Mass

29. What is the First part of the Mass?

The Liturgy of the Word

30. What is the Second part of the Mass?

The Liturgy of the Eucharist.

31. When must Catholics attend Mass?

Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

32. What are the Holy Days of Obligation?

- 1.) Immaculate Conception – December 8
- 2.) Christmas – December 25
- 3.) Mary, Mother of God – January 1
- 4.) Ascension Thursday – Forty days after Easter
- 5.) Assumption – August 15
- 6.) All Saints Day – November 1

D.) The Church

33. What is the Church?

The community of baptized persons assembled by God and founded by Christ.

34. Which person of the Holy Trinity guides the Church?

The Holy Spirit.

35. What are the marks of the Church?

- 1.) One – Unity of all members of Christ
- 2.) Holy – Called to live in love with God and others
- 3.) Catholic – Universal, open to people of every nation, status, religion, race, and color
- 4.) Apostolic – Rooted in the Apostles of Jesus

36. Who was the first pope?

Peter.

37. Who is the current pope?

Francis.

38. Name our Diocese and our Bishop.

The Diocese of Trenton. The Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.

39. Who are Cardinals?

Priests who assist the Church by governing it and by electing a pope.

40. What is a meeting of all the bishops of the world called? When was the last one?

An ecumenical council. Vatican Council II in 1964.

E.) The Apostles' Creed

41. Recite the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.