## 2025/26 Confirmation Interview Questions - Holy Family

- 1. **Who made you?** *God made me.*
- 2. Why did God make you?

God made me to know, love and serve Him in this world so I can be happy with Him in Heaven. Or God made me to show forth His goodness and love.

- 3. **How many gods are there?** *There is only one God.*
- 4. **How many persons are there in one God?** There are 3 Persons in one God.
- 5. **What are the names of the Persons?** God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- 6. What do we call the 3 Persons in one God? The Holy Trinity.
- 7. **Who is Jesus?** *Jesus is true God and true man. He is the Word of God made flesh (the second person of the Trinity, the Son, became incarnate).*
- 8. **Who is the Holy Spirit?** The third person of the Holy Trinity.
- 9. **What is sin?** Sin is an offense against God. Sin is any thought, word, deed or omission against the commandments of God.
- 10. **Who committed the first sin on earth?** Adam and Eve
- 11. What do we call the sin Adam and Eve committed? Original sin
- 12. What happened to Adam and Eve because of their sin?

  Adam and Eve lost sanctifying grace and were exiled from the Garden.
- 13. What happens to us because of the sin of Adam and Eve?

  Because of the sin of Adam and Eve, we are born without sanctifying grace and with the stain of original sin on our soul.

- 14. **What can take away original sin from our soul?** *Baptism takes it away and restores grace.*
- 15. **What is grace?** *Grace is God's life within us.*

#### 16. What is mortal sin and what does it do to our soul?

Mortal sin is a grave offense against God that destroys our relationship with Him and takes away the life of our soul.

### 17. What are the 3 conditions of mortal sin?

Has to do with grave matter; Was done consciously (sufficient knowledge, awareness); Was done voluntarily (sufficient freedom).

- 18. **What is venial sin?** *Venial sin is a less serious offense against God that weakens our relationship with Him.*
- 19. **Why did Jesus die on the Cross?** To redeem us from sin and death.
- *20.* **What happened 3 days after Jesus was crucified?** *He rose from the dead.*
- 21. **What is a sacrament?** An outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace.
- 22. How many sacraments are there, and can you name them?

There are 7 sacraments:

Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders and Marriage

23. **What is the sacrament of Confirmation?** *Confirmation continues the Christian initiation begun in Baptism, making us spiritually mature to be Christ's witness by means of a permanent seal (character) upon our souls.* 

#### 24. How is celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation?

The bishop (or a delegated priest) anoints the confirmandi on the forehead

with the sacred Chrism (sacred oil) and say: "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."

25. How many Gifts of the Holy Spirit are there, and can you name them?

There are 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit:

Wisdom

**Understanding** 

Counsel

*Fortitude* 

Knowledge

**Piety** 

Fear of the Lord

- 26. What is Reconciliation or Confession? It's the sacrament by which sins committed after baptism are forgiven.
- 27. What does the "seal of Confession" mean? It means that the priest cannot reveal the sins of your confession to someone else (this confidentiality is absolute). If a priest breaks the seal of confession, he is excluded from the Church (excommunicated) and can only be readmitted by the Pope himself.
- 28. What are the steps to a good confession?
  - 1) To know my sins and to be sorry for them (contrition)
  - 2) To tell my sins to God through the priest (confession)
  - 3) To do the penance the priest gives me (satisfaction or reparation)
- 29. How many times can one receive the sacrament of Baptism? Only once.
- 30. How many times can one receive the sacrament of Confirmation? Only once.
- 31. **How often should a Catholic go to Reconciliation (Confession)?** At least once a year (minimum). This is a commandment of the Church.
- 32. **What is the Holy Eucharist?** It is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ (under the appearance of bread and wine).

33. Can you receive Holy Communion if you have a mortal sin on your soul?

No, you have to go to Reconciliation first and receive forgiveness from God.

- 34. **Who stands in the place of Jesus at Mass?** The priest stands in the place of Jesus at Mass.
- 35. **What are the two principal parts of the Mass**? The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
- 36. **What are the two parts of the Bible?** *The Old Testament and the New Testament.*
- 37. **What are the names of the four Gospels?** The Gospel of Matthew, the Gospel of Mark, the Gospel of Luke and the Gospel of John.

#### 38. What are the 10 commandments?

- 1. I am the Lord your God: You shall not have strange Gods before me.
- 2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
- 3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
- 4. Honor your father and mother.
- 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.

# 39. What is Christ's double commandment of charity, which summarizes the whole Law?

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

- 40. What character and his family, in the Old Testament, were spared from a flood? Noah and his family.
- 41. What character in the Old Testament was chosen by God to lead the captive Hebrews out of Egypt and was asked to bring them God's law?

  Moses.
- 42. What do we call the event when the angel Gabriel appears to the Blessed Virgin Mary, tells her that she is with child and will be the Mother of God? *The Incarnation (or the Annunciation of the Lord).*
- 43. What is the name of the Pope and what is his function? Pope Leo XIV is the successor of St. Peter, the visible head of the Catholic Church and the Bishop of Rome.
- 44. What is the most important Sunday of the liturgical year (in fact, every Sunday is a mini celebration of this highest of Church feasts)? *Easter Sunday.*
- 45. What is the liturgical season leading to the Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas)? *Advent.*
- 46. What is the liturgical season leading to the Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter)? *Lent.*
- 47. What is the first day of Lent? Ash Wednesday.
- 48. What is the major solemnity concluding the Easter season? *Pentecost.*
- 49. What are the 3 theological virtues? Faith, Hope and Charity.
- 50. **What are the 4 moral or cardinal virtues?** *Prudence, Justice, Fortitude (or Courage) and Temperance.*

## Prayers to know

## - Apostle's 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;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will 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.

#### Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen. (or other similar version)

#### - Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

## - Hail Mary

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

# - Glory Be

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.