**MY FAITH ASSESSMENT**

***WHAT RECEIVING THE***

***SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION***

***MEANS TO ME…***

St. Catherine of Siena Parish Confirmation Class of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE’S NAME and signature:

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*Dear Candidate,*

*My Faith Assessment serves as a faith journal for you on your faith journey. Being asked questions about your faith and writing down your thoughts can help you pause, process, pray over, and reflect on what you have learned and studied over the years about God, Church, and the Catholic faith.*

*Pausing to ask your family and loved ones to help you remember what you have already received and experienced through God and your church community is a wonderful way to see how much God a special and important part of your life has already been and will help you feel closer to God and your church. God loves you unconditionally and is with you always, He waits for us every day to reach out to Him so he can walk with us, guide us, and help us.*

*Completing your My Faith Assessment well is an important part of your preparation to receive the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation.*

*Simply answer these 36 questions. Take your time. Do one a day or a few each week. This is an OPEN BOOK exercise.*

*DEADLINE to hand in your completed assessment to Mrs. Butler at the Parish Center Faith Formation Office is* ***March 1st, 2023.***

*ALL questions should be thoughtfully answered and in detail where asked. You may work with your sponsor, parent, catechist / religion teacher, Godparent, or family member who practices our Catholic faith and would be a dependable witness and help to you. This assessment should be an honest reflection of YOUR faith understanding and practice. It is YOUR work, no one is to answer the questions for you.*

*Our faith and how we prepare and practice it help define who we are. The effort, sincerity, and thoughtfulness you put into your responses will be respected, never judged, or criticized. We are praying for you and your family and excited to celebrate Confirmation with you and beyond!*

*With love and prayers,*

*From your Faith Family at St. Catherine’s*

THERE ARE ONLY 36 CONFIRMATION QUESTIONS

1. a. What will be your Confirmation Name? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. If you chose to take a Saint’s name, tell us about what inspired you about this Saint’s life and how do you relate to him / her?
3. Ask your parents and/or Godparents about the day you were baptized. Share ONE thing that stands out in their memories:
4. List what are the SEVEN GIFTS of the Spirit? Write a couple sentences about the ONE gift that is most interesting to you:
5. Why do YOU want to receive Confirmation?
6. What previous sacrament are we “confirming”?
7. Jesus asked Peter the Apostle and the other apostles , “Who do you say that I am?” Now imagine that Jesus is looking into *your* eyes and asks *you*: “Who do YOU say that I am?” What do you say to Jesus?
8. When in your life have you recognized God’s presence? Describe please the best you can.
9. What is your very first memory of going to Mass?
10. Scenario: A friend of yours is NOT Christian and asks you about Jesus and the cross. How do you explain how Jesus “takes away the sin of the world”?
11. List the Ten Commandments (yes, in order). Try it once from memory… then go back and rewrite it if you need to look it up.
12. We have lots of VIRTUES (good, holy habits) in our lives, but what are the THREE THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES (that means they are supernatural, they come from God):
13. Who is our Pastor at St. Catherine of Siena Church?
14. What do you plan to do once you are a confirmed member of the Church? Service? Help at Mass? Youth Ministry?

14. What do you take to heart from the Beatitudes that Jesus gives us and how do they help you think about yourself and others?

15. Jesus was asked, “What is the GREATEST COMMANDMENT?” What was his answer?

16. a. Who was the First Pope? b. Who is the current Pope?

17. a. When did Jesus first give us the Eucharist?

 b. At the Last Supper, what did Jesus do with the bread and the wine?

 c. What do Catholics believe about the Eucharist and what happens at the altar during the Sacrifice of the Mass?

18. Name the 2 major parts which make up the Mass:

19. Why do we pray the Nicene Creed or Apostles Creed during Mass? Do you understand what it means when we profess our faith at Mass? Explain in detail:

20. Where in the Church building is God present in a special way?

21. How can a priest change the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ?

22. Who gives the priests the power to do this?

23. Describe the Holy Trinity IN DETAIL, who are the persons of the Holy Trinity, why is it a mystery and offer a good example of how to explain it:

24. Share a time in your life when your faith helped you make a good choice, that you may have asked yourself, “*What would Jesus do?*’?

25. What does MESSIAH mean?

26. What does the name JESUS mean?

27. List the 12 Apostles:

28. What does it mean that God created humanity in His IMAGE? How are we like God?

29. Is Jesus God?

30. Is Jesus alive today (and PLEASE write more than “he’s in my heart…” or “He is with us all…”)? How do you KNOW?

31. Where do we find Jesus today (PLEASE write more than “in other people” or “in butterflies and rainbows”), BE SPECIFIC?

32. During your service experience, give an example of when you performed a Spiritual or Corporal Work of Mercy?

33. If you had $1 Million that HAD to be spent serving people in need—what would you do? And what can YOU do NOW to help serve people in need?

34. Do you believe in God? WHY?

35. What HAPPENS TO YOU when you celebrate Confirmation?

36. Do you EXPECT anything in your life to change after celebrating Confirmation?

Write at least one question (you are never limited in asking!) you have for us about your faith, God, the universal Catholic Church, St. Catherine of Siena parish specifically… anything…