

Grade 8 Confirmation

Session 3: Living the Mission of Jesus

Key Concepts:

- Get ready to know Jesus in this session, during which you learn that there are only three possible options to answer the historical figure known as Jesus of Nazareth. Catholicism shows that the result of these options have a profound impact in your life.
- Encountering the risen Jesus gives all the evidence that Christians need to know that Christ is the Messiah. This session gives you the reasoning for why the only plausible title for Jesus is the Lord.
- Find out why Jesus came to earth in this session, which outlines the four answers to this question found in the Catechism. You see the limitless value of God's love for you and how far he is willing to go to reconcile this relationship to its fullness.

Watch Videos: Segment 1, Segment 2, and Segment 3

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Mission of Jesus!

- The Holy Spirit empowers us to participate in the mission of Jesus and the Church and prepares us to go out with the grace of Jesus to proclaim the Good News. The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness and that we may be given the words to speak when called upon to witness our faith.
- Confirmation increases in us more fully the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that were given to us at Baptism. The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit are: *Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety, and Fear of the Lord.*
- These Gifts help sustain our moral lives and help make us ready to follow the will of God. These Gifts perfect the virtues in believers, and help us live in the love of Jesus.

Pentecost and Our Mission in the Church

- The apostles were on fire with the Grace of the Holy Spirit just like us! This happened at Pentecost. Pentecost is the day Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to His disciples for the purpose of empowering them to spread the Gospel. What does Gospel mean? Good News!
- The Church was born on the day of Pentecost. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit caused the disciples to burst into the streets, proclaiming the Gospel and 3,000 were baptized that day! Imagine what you can do today if you help spread the Good News, the Gospel of Jesus to your friends!!! Acts 1:8 and Acts 2:1-4
- Confirmation is not a graduation; it is the beginning, and the Church expects and needs us to be full and active participants in the Mission of Jesus and the Church. God has given us the Gifts to empower us to do His work-just as He did with the apostles at Pentecost!