



# CONFIRMATION

DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC PARISH

## COMMON CATHOLIC PRAYERS

Students are required to have the following prayers memorized before they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

### Sign of the Cross

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. 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. Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

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.

### The Act of Contrition

*(You may memorize any version of the Act of Contrition. There are many versions. Here is one example:)*

O My God,  
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.  
In choosing to do wrong  
and failing to do good,  
I have sinned against you  
whom I should love above all things.  
I firmly intend, with your help,  
to do penance,  
to sin no more,  
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.  
Our Savior Jesus Christ  
suffered and died for us.  
In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen.

### The Hail Mary

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

### The 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.



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Confirmation students need to become very familiar with the following information:

1. Q: What is the definition of a Sacrament:?

A: A sacrament is an outward sign, instituted by Christ, to give grace.
2. Q: What is Confirmation?

A: Confirmation is the sacrament by which Catholics receive a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Through Confirmation, the Holy Spirit gives us the increased ability to practice our Catholic faith in every aspect of our lives and to witness Christ in every situation.
3. Q: Who is the ordinary minister of Confirmation?

A: The ordinary minister of Confirmation is the Bishop.
4. Q: How many times can you be confirmed?

A: You can only be confirmed one time.
5. Q: What is the **form** of Confirmation?

A: The Bishop says "Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit."
6. Q: What is the **matter** of Confirmation?

A: The matter of this sacrament includes the Holy Chrism (Blessed Oil) and the Laying on of hands by the Bishop.
7. Q: What does Confirmation accomplish in us?

A: Through Confirmation Jesus gives us:

  - an increase of the divine life
  - a new and deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit
  - the sacramental mark or character of Confirmation
  - an increase of strength to profess, defend, and spread the faith
8. Q: What are the Gifts of the Holy Spirit?

A: The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, knowledge, fortitude, counsel, piety, and fear of the Lord.
9. Q: What are the Fruits of the Holy Spirit?

A: The Fruits of the Holy Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.