

Report Outline

For those who did not attend the Confirmation Retreat

Paragraph 1. Who is Jesus for you? What does the Church mean to you?

Paragraph 2. What is confirmation? What is the reason to be confirmed? What do you hope to receive from Confirmation; how will it help/change you? Do you wish to be confirmed, if so why?

Paragraph 3. Who will help you on your journey toward confirmation? What role will they play and how will they be able to help you on your quest to find out if you want to be confirmed? Who are some of the people you would feel comfortable discussing your faith journey?

Paragraph 4. What is Pentecost and why is it important to the Church? Find and list 3 or 4 instances where the Holy Spirit is mentioned and discuss what is happening in the scripture references? Name the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Paragraphs 5-11. One paragraph on each gift. Tell what the gift is; why we would be receiving it; and its practical application in your life. How does the gift help build up the Church? Do this in a separate paragraph for each gift.

Paragraph 12. Find three saints and tell what gifts of the Spirit they display and how the gift or gifts played out in their life.

Paragraph 13. Name five fruits of the Spirit that flow from the gifts. Explain each of the five and how each can develop in your life.

Paragraph 14. What is the Holy Land, and what significance does it hold with regard to Christ's life? Why do people even today travel there? Why would you want to go and what sites would you visit and why?

Paragraph 15. How can the physical structure of a church building influence the way people worship God? Look up pictures of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris France and St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, and Salisbury Cathedral in England. Look carefully at both the outside and the inside of these buildings and write what you think went through the minds of the men who designed and built these structures. How does this affect the way you approach God?

Paragraph 16. What is the purpose of Shrines? How do they fit into the Catholic Faith? Gardens; do you see any purpose to gardens that relate to God? If not, why? If so, how? Can you see having gardens in your home when you grow up? Do you see any benefit to Churches having gardens?

Paragraph 17. Many churches are filled with artwork. The Vatican is filled with many masterpieces, probably billions of dollars worth. Why do you believe that churches have artwork in them and why the Vatican is the repository for so much art? How would it help people pray? Feel closer to God. Or does it?

Paragraph 18. Finally, state why you believe YOU SHOULD (not why you want to be) be confirmed.