



## St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

### Confirmation Faith Sharing Journey

#### INSTRUCTIONS

This is your Faith Sharing Journey for your Confirmation year. This part of your journey will start in September and end in March. There is more than one page for every month. Please read through each month's instructions and answer all questions – you cannot pick and choose which questions you want to answer. **Your Faith Sharing will be kept confidential; the only people who will read it are Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Bednarczyk. However, you can share your Faith Sharing with anyone you wish. I especially encourage you to share this with your sponsor.**

**The Faith Sharing Journey is set up so that you can answer the questions on the instruction sheet. Please try to use your best handwriting. If you prefer to type it I can e-mail a copy to you so that you can type your answers on the instruction sheets.**

Each month the **Faith Sharing Journey is due on the last Sunday of the month.** It should be turned in when you attend Mass that weekend. All Faith Sharing Journeys must be placed into the folder located on the Confirmation bulletin board in the Religious Education hall or if you type your Faith Sharing, you may e-mail it to Mrs. Curtis at [religioused@stedwardbowie.com](mailto:religioused@stedwardbowie.com). You should not put the Faith Sharing journey on Mrs. Curtis's desk or hand to someone else to hand to her, including bringing it to the parish rectory office.

Every month we will meet on a Tuesday evening as a class to review and discuss our Faith Sharing. It is called "Confirmation Faith Sharing Class" on your schedule. The classes will start at 6:30 and end at 8:00. **The specific days are September 18, October 9, November 13, December 18, January 15, February 12 and March 12.**

There are many resources that will help you answer the questions each month. In your red folder is a sheet titled "The Sacrament of Confirmation – Service, Worship and Knowledge;" this will help you throughout the year; this should be the first resource you go to for answers. Additionally, you can use your textbook, "Confirmed in the Spirit," the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Bible or other resources you have at home or have access to. Don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Curtis or Mrs. Bednarczyk if you have any questions.



**SEPTEMBER - DUE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

**WORSHIP**

This is a year of challenge! We are challenged to make renewed efforts to be more Christlike, to put more enthusiasm into living the Gospel; genuinely love one another. The Acts of the Apostles is the story of the beginning of the Church after Jesus ascended into heaven. A new community was being formed! You are already part of the community of the Catholic Church. This year we will challenge you as the Confirmation Class of 2018 (your own small community!) to think about how you fit into and contribute to the community of Saint Edward the Confessor and the Catholic Church. Read Acts 2:42-47. Together the early Church as described in this passage witnessed to their faith in both word and deed. They did this through regular worship as a community and serving each other in imitation of Jesus.

- **PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.**

**1. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO WITNESS IN BOTH WORD AND DEED?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**2. HOW DID THE FIRST CHURCH COMMUNITY DESCRIBED IN ACTS 2:42-47 WORSHIP? (GIVE SOME SPECIFIC EXAMPLES)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**3. HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY OF SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR THROUGH YOUR WORSHIP?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**4. HOW DID THE MEMBERS OF THE EARLY CHURCH SERVE OTHERS? (GIVE SOME SPECIFIC EXAMPLES)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**5. HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY OF SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR THROUGH YOUR SERVICE?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name the three Sacraments of Initiation:**

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**Name the two Sacraments of Healing:**

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**Name the two Social Sacraments:**

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**Answer the following questions in your own words - do not just use the same words order but say what you think the words mean.**

1. **What is an outward sign?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. **What is an inward grace?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. **An outward sign is something you can see, hear, touch, taste or smell; and inward grace is God's touch in you. Because you are touched by God you change.**
  - a. **What are the outward signs of Baptism?** \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. **What are the inward graces of Baptism?** \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. **What does it mean to have an indelible mark on your soul?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - d. **How are you changed in the Sacrament of Baptism?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. **This change is what makes you holy. What does God now expect of you as a baptized person?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Every week at Mass, we make a profession of faith in the words of the Creed. The Creeds contain the beliefs of our faith. Christians of every century have held strongly to these beliefs. Some have given up their lives to defend them. Carefully read the Nicene Creed on the next page and then answer the following questions:

**1. Write the lines in the Creed that profess our belief in the Trinity:**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

**2. What does "consubstantial with the father" tell us about the relationship between God and Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_**

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**3. According to the beliefs we profess in the Creed, who is God, the Father? \_\_\_\_\_**

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**4. According to the beliefs we profess in the Creed, when did Jesus first exist? \_\_\_\_\_**

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**5. According to beliefs we profess in the Creed, why did Jesus come down from heaven? \_\_\_\_\_**

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**6. According to the beliefs we profess in the Creed, what do we believe about the Holy Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_**

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**7. In the Creed we profess our belief in the Paschal Mystery. What is the Paschal Mystery and where do we find this belief in the Creed? \_\_\_\_\_**

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**8. What are the four Marks of the Church that we profess our belief in in the Creed? What does each one of them mean?**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_





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2. **DESCRIBE** the ways that you contribute to the healthy functioning of your family. (Think not only in terms of duties or chores, but describe ways you support various members emotionally and spiritually.)

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3. You have lived with your family for many years. **DESCRIBE** two really positive aspects of your family.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

4. **WRITE** about an area you can help your family **improve**. \_\_\_\_\_

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**OCTOBER - DUE: OCTOBER 28, 2018**

**WORSHIP**

**1. THINK ABOUT YOUR PRAYER LIFE**

Answer the following questions

How often do you pray? \_\_\_\_\_

Here are different ways you can pray. Do you?

- a. Pray formal prayers (for example: Hail Mary, Our Father, etc.)    Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_
- b. Pray by talking to God in an informal way                    Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_
- c. Pray with Scriptures    Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_
- d. Pray with the saints     Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_
- e. Is there any other way that you pray? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain how you pray:

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**HOW WILL YOU TRY TO GROW IN PRAYER DURING THIS YEAR OF PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION?**

Be specific. **Write** down a plan for how and when you will pray every day. Make it a realistic prayer plan. You might want to pray more often or you might want to try a different type of prayer, for example praying with the saints if you don't currently do that. It is better to set up a reasonable "prayer program" and really work at it, than to resolve to do too much and find it overwhelming. \_\_\_\_\_

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- 2. Listen carefully at Mass; God speaks to us through the Scriptures. The readings and Gospel from October 7th (27th Sunday in Ordinary Time) are below. **Reread each of these readings and then answer the questions that follow each of the readings.**

**First Reading from Genesis 2:18-24**

*The LORD God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him."*

*So the LORD God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name.*

*The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man.*





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*So the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.*

*The LORD God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man.*

*When he brought her to the man, the man said:*

*"This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;*

*this one shall be called 'woman,' for out of 'her man' this one has been taken."*

*That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh.*

**Answer all of the following questions:**

**This is a reading from the book of Genesis. In what section of the Bible is this book located?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Who is this reading about?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Should we take this story literally?** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Why or why not?** \_\_\_\_\_

**God speaks to us individually in the Sacred Scriptures. What is God telling you as you listen to/read this Bible passage?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Second Reading from Hebrews 2:9-11**

*Brothers and sisters:*

*He "for a little while" was made "lower than the angels," that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.*

*For it was fitting that he, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering.*

*He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin.*

*Therefore, he is not ashamed to call them "brothers."*

**Answer all of the following questions:**

**This is a reading from Saint Paul's letter to the Hebrews. In what section of the Bible is this book located?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Who is Saint Paul talking about when he writes "He, 'for a little while' was made 'lower than the angels'?"** \_\_\_\_\_



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**What does he mean by this statement: "He, 'for a little while' was made 'lower than the angels'"?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Who are Jesus' "brothers"?** \_\_\_\_\_

**How does it make you feel?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Does it inspire you to think or act any differently?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Why or why not?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gospel from Mark 10:2-16**

*The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?"*

*They were testing him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?"*

*They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her."*

*But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment.*

*But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.*

*For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.*

*So they are no longer two but one flesh.*

*Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate."*

*In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them,*

*"Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her;*

*and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."*

*And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them.*

*When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them,*

*"Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.*

*Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it."*

*Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.*

**Answer all of the following questions:**

**This is a reading from the Gospel of Mark. In what section of the Bible is this book located?** \_\_\_\_\_



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**Think about how relationships are portrayed in TV shows, movies, songs and books. What does Jesus say about the marriage relationship in the Gospel?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Is this different than how relationships are portrayed in TV shows, movies, songs and books? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_**  
**If yes, how?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**The disciples question Jesus further about this teaching. Why do you think they ask Jesus about this again?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**What scene is described at the end of the Gospel?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Do you think it is related to the first part of the passage on marriage? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_**

**Why or why not?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Every Sunday, the Old Testament readings at Mass and the Gospel correspond to each other. What is the common message of the Genesis reading and the Gospel reading?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**KNOWLEDGE**

1. **What is the definition of a Sacrament?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. **Answer the following questions in your own words - do not just use the same words but say what you think the words mean.**
  1. **What is an outward sign?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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  2. **What is an inward grace?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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  3. **An outward sign is something you can see, hear, touch, taste or smell; and inward grace is God's touch in you. Because you are touched by God you change.**
    - i. **What are the outward signs of Eucharist?** \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. **What are the inward graces of Eucharist?** \_\_\_\_\_
    - iii. **Where, when and how does the bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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    - iv. **What do we mean when we say that Jesus is really present in the Eucharist?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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  4. **This change is what makes you holy. What does God now expect of you when you receive the Eucharist?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. **What is the Blessed Sacrament?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Eucharistic Adoration is a Catholic devotion. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar. During the time that the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, there is the opportunity for us to pray silently in the presences of Jesus through a visible sign of the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance. Eucharistic Adoration usually begins with Exposition and ends with Benediction.**

4. **What is a monstrance? (hint, hint—dictionary.com)** \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. **Name the one day in the church calendar when you can always participate in the Eucharistic Adoration.**  
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**COMMUNITY & SERVICE**

In addition to your family, your “circle of friends” makes up another form of community. Whether you are a person who prefers the company of just a few trusted friends or are a person who loves to be part of a larger group, friendship communities become very important. Friends are often a great support – and often the source of much tension and pain. While no friend is perfect, **real friends want what is truly good for us. Christ’s love abounds in a real friend.** Real friends try to walk down the same road that Jesus walked. It is usually less glamorous and appears more difficult and less exciting. But people who live the values Jesus taught find their lives to be joy-filled and anything but dull.

**THINK ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS; THE PEOPLE YOU SURROUND YOURSELF WITH:**

**Describe a person or people who you would consider to be a good friend (You don’t have to write their names). How do they bring out “the best” in you? What other qualities do they have?**

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**How is Christ’s love shown in this friendship?**

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**Describe a person or people who you would NOT consider to be a good friend. (You don’t have to write their names)**

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**Is Christ’s love shown in this friendship? Why or why not?**

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**NOVEMBER - DUE: NOVEMBER 25, 2018**

**KNOWLEDGE**

**What is the definition of a Sacrament?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Answer the following questions in your own words - do not just use the same words but say what you think the words mean.**

1. **What is an outward sign?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. **What is an inward grace?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. **An outward sign is something you can see, hear, touch, taste or smell; and inward grace is God's touch in you. Because you are touched by God you change.**

**What is the inward grace of the following outward signs of Confirmation?**

**a. LAYING ON OF HANDS**

**These are the words that the bishop prays during the Laying on of Hands:**

*My dear friends:*

*In Baptism, God our Father gave the new birth of eternal life to his chosen sons and daughters. Let us pray to our Father that he will pour out the Holy Spirit to strengthen his sons and daughters with this gifts and anoint them to be more like Christ the Son of God. All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.*

**What is the inward grace, or what is happening in your soul as you hear these words?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**b. WORDS**

**The bishop will say as he is anointing you "(saint name) be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit."**

**What is the inward grace, or what is happening in your soul as you hear these words?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**c. HOLY OIL (CHRISM)**

**The bishop will anoint you by making the Sign of the Cross on your forehead with  
Chrism**

**What is the inward grace, or what is happening in your soul as you are anointed with  
Chrism? \_\_\_\_\_**

**4. This change that happens to you because of God's touch is what makes you holy.**

**a. What does God now expect of you when you receive Confirmation?\_\_\_\_\_**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**b. How can the grace of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit help you to be holy? \_\_\_\_\_**  
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**1. READ ACTS 2:1-12 AND THEN ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS**

**What is this reading about?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**What would you have done if you were there?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**What kind of Christian do you want to be?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:**

**At Confirmation, you will be sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that you received at Baptism. Read the definition for each gift listed below and then think about and write how you have used or can use that gift in your life (hint, hint look at Examination of Conscience using the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in February for some more ideas of how these gifts work in your life). PLEASE GIVE SOME SPECIFIC AND PERSONAL EXAMPLES**

**KNOWLEDGE:** The gift of the Holy Spirit that helps us to know ourselves and the world around us. It helps us to know where our faith is leading us and what our church is about. Knowledge is the gift that makes us smart about ourselves. I have used or can use KNOWLEDGE in my life when:

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**UNDERSTANDING:** The gift of the Holy Spirit that helps untie the knots, to straighten out our lives, to deal with our problems. Understanding is letting the Word of God have room in our lives. I have used or can use UNDERSTANDING in my life when:

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**WISDOM:** The gift of the Holy Spirit that helps us to understand and see God’s plan for our lives and the world. It helps us say “Eureka!” A light bulb goes off in my head; I finally understand. I have used or can use WISDOM in my life when:

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**COURAGE:** The gift of the Holy Spirit that helps us to see God in everything around us. It enables us to stand up for our beliefs and to live as a follower of Jesus. I have used or can use COURAGE in my life when:

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**REVERENCE:** The gift of the Holy Spirit that helps us to know and love God. Because of this great love, we feel a deep respect for God and all He creates. We know that life is sacred. All kinds of life. Human life, life of all creation, the emotional life of others, the spiritual life of ourselves and those around us. Reverence is often misunderstood as genuflecting at the right time. But reverence lets us live as Jesus did with pure love and a profound respect for God. Reverence for God and each tiny part of God’s creation needs to be strong and sweet. Reverence is what saves our life and the lives of others we meet. Reverence is our lifesaver.

I have used or can use REVERENCE in my life when:

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**WONDER AND AWE:** The gift of the Holy Spirit that keeps us awestruck by the power and beauty of God in our lives. Wonder and Awe explode like a starburst when we let the Holy Spirit into our lives.

I have used or can use WONDER AND AWE in my life when:

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**RIGHT JUDGMENT:** The gift of the Holy Spirit that encourages us to talk things over with a knowledgeable and wise person so that we can make good choices – choices that let us feel comfortable with ourselves afterward. Right Judgment keeps us from feeling like dum-dums.

I have used or can use RIGHT JUDGMENT in my life when:

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### COMMUNITY & SERVICE

Take a look at the community of believers with whom you worship – your parish family. Along with your family and friends, St. Edward’s parish is an important source of support as you prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation. Two of the reasons we celebrate the Rite of Enrollment are: It makes the St. Edward community *aware* of your preparation and it asks the St. Edward community to *support* you through prayer and encouragement.

#### ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ABOUT ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR PARISH DESCRIBING IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY:

1. **What makes you feel like you belong here? For example: music, liturgies, Religion Education, social activities**

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2. **Who are the people that make you feel like you are a part of this community? For example: priest, family, friends, and teachers**

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3. **What are the physical aspects of the church building you find meaningful?**

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4. **Why do you find them to be meaningful?**

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### WORSHIP

We sometimes speak of four ACTS (or types) of prayer.

- A ADORATION of love ---We express our love for God
- C CONTRITION of sorrow ---We express sorrow for our sins and asks forgiveness
- T THANKSGIVING ---We thank God for his many blessings
- S SUPPLICATION or request ---We ask for his help, guidance, etc.

A healthy prayer life includes all of these types of prayer. Think about your life of prayer:

**EACH DAY** for a week, use the chart on the next page to **write** down the prayers you have prayed and tell what type of prayer they are. Please include both learned prayers (for example – Our Father or Hail Mary) and personal prayers (prayers where you talk to God using your own words).



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DAY OF THE WEEK	NAME OF PRAYER	TYPE OF PRAYER
Sunday (This is an example of how to fill in chart – you should fill it in for 7 days)	Our Father Glory Be Personal Prayer Act of Contrition Prayer to Saint	Supplication, Adoration Adoration Thanksgiving, Adoration Contrition Supplication, Adoration
Sunday		
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		

**ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**

1. What TYPE OF PRAYER - Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving or Supplication - do you pray most often?

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2. What TYPE OF PRAYER - Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving or Supplication - do you pray least often?

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**DECEMBER - DUE: December 30, 2018**

**WORSHIP**

Christ came to the earth because **HE LOVES YOU**. We learn the story of Jesus' birth from the Infancy Narratives in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew. We can only understand the full story by reading both narratives.

1. **Read Luke 1:5-2:52 AND**
2. **Read Matthew 1:1-2:23**

**Answer the following questions:**

1. **Which Gospel has a genealogy which connects Jesus' birth to his ancestors in the Old Testament?** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. **Which Gospel stresses Mary's role?** \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Which has the visit of the shepherds and who tells them about Jesus' birth?**  
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4. **Which Gospel talks about the Magi?** \_\_\_\_\_
5. **The questions above cover what is different about the two Gospels. List at least two things (and there are several to choose from) that are THE SAME in both Gospels (both Gospel story mentions them).**
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
6. **What is your favorite part about the story of the birth of Jesus?** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. **WHY?** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**ADVENT**

1. **What is Advent?** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. **When does it begin and end?** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. **What special traditions can you list about Advent?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. **What do you do, either by yourself or with your family, to celebrate Advent?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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### KNOWLEDGE

When we pray the Rosary, we reflect on the mysteries of Jesus' and Mary's life and what they mean in our life today.

There are 4 different categories of mysteries – Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous.

- 1. Reflect on the meaning of the Joyful mysteries – these are the mysteries that are commonly prayed in Advent. Answer the questions using your own words**

#### The Annunciation:

- a. What event is this in the life of Jesus and Mary? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b. How can you be like Mary in saying yes to God? \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

#### The Visitation:

- a. What event is this in the life of Jesus and Mary? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- b. How can you recognize that Jesus is your savior just as Elizabeth did? \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### The Nativity

- a. What event is this in the life of Jesus and Mary? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b. How can you welcome Jesus into your life every day? \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### The Presentation

- a. What event is this in the life of Jesus and Mary? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- b. How can you show Jesus to others in your life every day? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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#### The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

- a. What event is this in the life of Jesus and Mary? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- b. When and where can you hear Jesus talking to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**2. What formal prayers do we pray while we are reflecting on these mysteries?**

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Remember, December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a Holy Day of Obligation a day on which we honor Mary.

**What is the meaning of Mary's Immaculate Conception?**

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**What is a Holy Day of Obligation?**

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**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

**1. What is the definition of a sacrament?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**2. Answer the following questions in your own words - do not just use the same words but say what you think the words mean.**

**a. What is an outward sign?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**b. What is an inward grace?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**c. An outward sign is something you can see, hear, touch, taste or smell; and inward grace is God's touch in you. Because you are touched by God you change.**

**v. What are the outward signs of Marriage?** \_\_\_\_\_

**vi. What are the inward graces of Marriage?** \_\_\_\_\_

**vii. How is the couple changed by the graces they receive in Marriage?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**d. This change is what makes you holy. What does God now expect of a couple when they receive the Sacrament of Marriage?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**COMMUNITY & SERVICE**

Luke speaks of the Gospel value of simplicity. **Answer the following in complete sentences.**

**How can you make this Christmas season simpler, less filled with the business of buying and selling?**

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**How do you plan to make Christmas a time for showing love to Christ? To others?**

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**JANUARY - DUE: JANUARY 27, 2019**

**WORSHIP**

**John: 13 34-35**

**I give you a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.**

**1. Find 1 Corinthians 13:1-7 in the Bible and read it out loud.**

**2. Re-write 13:4-7 in the lines below, but this time replace the words 'LOVE' and 'IT' with YOUR NAME.:**

**[For example: John is patient, John is kind....]**

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**3. Read the verses you just composed out loud. Do you now feel like God is speaking just to you? Why?**

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**4. What does this verse tell you about how God expects you to treat others?**

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**KNOWLEDGE**

1. What is the definition of a sacrament? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Answer the following questions in your own words - do not just use the same words but say what you think the words mean.
  - a. What is an outward sign? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - b. What is an inward grace? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - c. An outward sign is something you can see, hear, touch, taste or smell; and inward grace is God's touch in you. Because you are touched by God you change.
  - d. What are the outward signs of Holy Orders? \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. What are the inward graces of Holy Orders? \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. How is a man changed by the graces he receives in Holy Orders? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. This change is what makes him holy. What does God now expect of a man when he receives the Sacrament of Holy Orders? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. There are three levels of Holy Orders; what are they?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  
6. What is the name of our parish's priest and deacon? \_\_\_\_\_  
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### BEATITUDES

**Jesus taught us what we must do to be his followers; Love one another. The Beatitudes, which teach us how to love one another, can be found in The Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5: 1-10. Each of the Beatitudes and their meanings are below. Write down how you have experienced each Beatitude in your own life. PLEASE GIVE SPECIFIC AND PERSONAL EXAMPLES**

***Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven***

The poor in spirit are those who seek God because they know that they can't do it all by themselves.

I have experienced this Beatitude in my life by:

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***Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted***

Those who acknowledge their sadness by asking for God's help will be comforted.

I have experienced this Beatitude in my life by:

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***Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land***

The meek are those who trust in God; their prayers will be answered.

I have experienced this Beatitude in my life by:

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***Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied***

Those who work for justice will be given justice.

I have experienced this Beatitude in my life by:

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***Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy***

Those who are kind and forgiving will be shown kindness and forgiveness.

I have experienced this Beatitude in my life by:

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***Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God***

Those who keep their mind and heart clean can be proud to face God.

I have experienced this Beatitude in my life by:

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***Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God***

Those who look for the good in everybody will know that God sees their goodness in them.

I have experienced this Beatitude in my life by:

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***Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven***

Those who suffer because they choose to follow God know that God is always with them.

I have experienced this Beatitude in my life by:

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### COMMUNITY & SERVICE

**How do the Beatitudes relate to the attitudes needed for Christian service?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**How does your service to your church and community affect you and those you serve?** \_\_\_\_\_

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You are familiar with the main parts of the Eucharistic celebration (the Mass) surrounding the sacrament of Confirmation. Remember the Confirmation rite involves the entire assembly. Those that will gather in the church with you and the other Confirmands are not spectators. They are witnesses to the sacrament of Confirmation and through their own faith, they support and empower you as they have from the time of the Rite of Enrollment. The sacrament of Confirmation emphasizes that we are a part of the whole Church, the people of God.

**Over the span of your life and sooner than you may expect, you will be called upon to defend your faith to those who are skeptical or unfriendly.**

**What does it mean to be a witness to your faith?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**When have you had to defend your faith?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**How can receiving Confirmation help you to witness and defend your faith?** \_\_\_\_\_

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### Ten Commandments

Write each of the 10 Commandments and then write how you can follow this commandment in your daily life.

PLEASE GIVE SPECIFIC AND PERSONAL EXAMPLES

(SEE ATTACHED EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE; DO NOT USE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AS LISTED IN THE BIBLE).

The first 3 Commandments tell us how to love God:

First Commandment: \_\_\_\_\_

I can follow this commandment in my life by \_\_\_\_\_

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Second Commandment: \_\_\_\_\_

I can follow this commandment in my life by \_\_\_\_\_

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Third Commandment: \_\_\_\_\_

I can follow this commandment in my life by \_\_\_\_\_

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The remaining 7 Commandments tell us how to love our neighbors:

Fourth Commandment: \_\_\_\_\_

I can follow this commandment in my life by \_\_\_\_\_

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Fifth Commandment: \_\_\_\_\_

I can follow this commandment in my life by \_\_\_\_\_

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Sixth Commandment: \_\_\_\_\_

I can follow this commandment in my life by \_\_\_\_\_

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Seventh Commandment: \_\_\_\_\_

I can follow this commandment in my life by \_\_\_\_\_

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**Eighth Commandment:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I can follow this commandment in my life by** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Ninth Commandment:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I can follow this commandment in my life by** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Tenth Commandment:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I can follow this commandment in my life by** \_\_\_\_\_

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### COMMUNITY & SERVICE

Look over the past few months and evaluate how your Confirmation preparation is helping you grow in your relationships with Christ, your family, your friends and the Catholic Church.

**When have you been strong and faithful to Christ?**

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**When has it been difficult for you to live your faith?**

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Scripture tells us that “all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God” (Romans 8:14). The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that the gifts of the Spirit make us open to “Obeying divine inspirations” (#1831).

Reflect on someone in one of your communities that you truly admire and respect. Remember: You are a member of the community of your family, your community of friends, and your faith community.

**Describe one individual who is a hero to you. The emphasis is not on accomplishment, but rather on character.**

**Answer these questions when describing your hero:**

- **How does this person use the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit?**
- **How does this person treat other people?**
- **How does this person witness to their faith in their daily lives?**

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## WORSHIP

### JOURNAL TO GOD

**This month, you will create a journal entry on any SIX days you choose. These entries will be a private conversation between you and God. We will not read them, only glance to ensure the assignment is completed. To help you with this assignment, attached are two guidelines for examining your conscience: one focusing on the Ten Commandments and the other on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. You should not hand in your answers to these questions – this is between you and God. You do need to hand in the journal; you can fold it in half or put it in a separate envelope if you'd like.**

Remember confession is an incredible gift given to us by Christ. The Sacrament of Reconciliation enriches our spiritual journey with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **An examination of conscience guides us as we look inside ourselves to determine if we have done anything to offend God.**

**After examining your conscience for a week (see attached journal) answer the following:**

**How has my daily examination of conscience helped me to grow closer to God?**

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**MARCH - DUE: MARCH 31, 2019**

**WORSHIP**

The prayer given to us by Jesus is **the Our Father, the Lord's Prayer**. It is a prayer of love and unity, of sorrow for sin and gratitude for God's mercy. It has been the prayer of Christians throughout the centuries.

**Each line of the Lord's Prayer is listed below. Write what each phrase means to you in your own words.**

**OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME;**

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**THY KINGDOM COME, THEY WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN;**

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**GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD;**

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**AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASSES AGAINST US;**

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**AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL**

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Jesus told us to “pray always.” When we read the Scriptures and listen to what God is telling us we are praying. We need to be open to what God is saying to us.

**Read the Bible passages from the Old Testament and New Testament:**

***OLD TESTAMENT - Isaiah 55:10-11 - NEW TESTAMENT - Matthew 13:1-23***

***OLD TESTAMENT - Isaiah 55:10-11***

**Isaiah compares God’s word to falling rain and snow.**

**Why is God’s word compared to rain and snow?**

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**What does rain and snow do to the earth?**

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**What does God’s word do to those who hear it?**

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***NEW TESTAMENT - Matthew 13:1-23***

**What parable does Jesus tell?**

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**The seeds in this parable represent God’s Word which can fall on different types of ground (path, rocky ground and rich soil). These different types of ground represent us.**

**What type of people does the path represent?**

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**What type of people does rocky ground represent?**

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**What type of people does the rich soil represent?**

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**We can be different types of ground at different times in our lives. Think about your faith at this time. What type of ground are you? Why?**

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**REFLECTION ON THE OLD AND THE NEW TESTAMENT READINGS:**

**Why is it hard sometimes to truly hear God's word?**

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**How can we allow God's word to take root in us?**

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**What does it mean to hear the word of God and live it?**

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**KNOWLEDGE**

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**2. Answer the following questions in your own words - do not just use the same words order but say what you think the words mean.**

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**b. What is an inward grace? \_\_\_\_\_**

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**c. An outward sign is something you can see, hear, touch, taste or smell; and inward grace is God's touch in you. Because you are touched by God you change.**

**d. What are the outward signs of the Anointing of the Sick? \_\_\_\_\_**

**e. What are the inward graces of the following outward signs of the Anointing of the Sick? \_\_\_\_\_**

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**f. How are you changed by the graces you receive in the Anointing of the Sick? \_\_\_\_\_**

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**g. How often and under what circumstances can you receive the Anointing of the Sick?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**3. This change is what makes you holy. What does God now expect of you after you receive the Anointing of the Sick?** \_\_\_\_\_

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The Works of Mercy give us examples of how we can live Christian lives. There are 6 Corporal Works of Mercy and 7 Spiritual Works of Mercy.

**List the seven Corporal Works of Mercy:**

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3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 \_\_\_\_\_  
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6 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**List the seven Spiritual Works of Mercy:**

1 \_\_\_\_\_  
2 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 \_\_\_\_\_  
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6 \_\_\_\_\_  
7 \_\_\_\_\_

**In the last year of your preparation for Confirmation, you have had the opportunity to perform both Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Answer the following:**

**Corporal Works of Mercy: PLEASE GIVE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES of 2 Corporal Works of Mercy and exactly what you did**

1 \_\_\_\_\_  
2 \_\_\_\_\_



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**Spiritual Works of Mercy: PLEASE GIVE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES of 2 Spiritual Works of Mercy and exactly what you did**

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMUNITY & SERVICE**

**Did you ever think of how much service others are constantly offering to you? Remember to look first to those in your family.**

**Answer the following questions:**

**How have others shown Christ to you?**

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**What are you doing to show you are really interested in being a member of the St. Edward's faith community?**

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Each activity and service project in the St. Edward Confirmation Program falls under at least one of these three categories: Knowledge, Worship, and Service. These together are the foundations of our faith. Not one of these categories can be diminished or erased and still allow you to develop in the Catholic faith.

**List** something in each area you have done to help prepare for Confirmation.

**Community and Service:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Knowledge:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Worship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**For one week, list at least one thing each day for which you are grateful.**

**Sunday** \_\_\_\_\_

**Monday** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tuesday** \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday** \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday** \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday** \_\_\_\_\_