



# Confirmation Preparatory Lesson



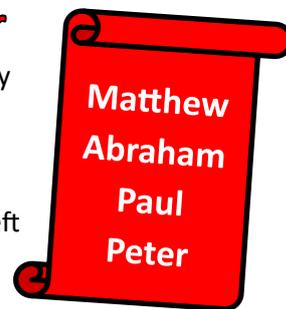
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## Section A: Confirmation Name and Sponsor

In this lesson we learned about some characters in Scripture who assumed a new name when they began to follow Jesus. The new name was like the start of a new way of living. Match each person mentioned below to their name.

- Saul use to persecute Christians. An encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus changed him forever.
- Levi use to be a tax collector, a profession renowned for greed. He encountered Jesus and left everything to follow him.
- Simon was a fisherman who left everything to follow Jesus, who gave him a new name.
- Abram was given a new name by the Lord as part of a promise of future descendants.



1. What confirmation name are you taking and why? **Confirmation Name?** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Why?** \_\_\_\_\_
2. A new name symbolised a new beginning. In what ways do you hope that Confirmation will be the start of something new for you? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who have you chosen to be your sponsor? Why did you choose them? How might they encourage you to grow in faith? \_\_\_\_\_

*It would be nice to write a letter to your sponsor outlining why you chose them, why you admire them and how you hope they will help you in faith and in life.*

## Section B: The Rite of Confirmation Challenge

Complete the table below by placing the four parts of the Rite of Confirmation in the correct order. Once you have done this, place the correct description of each part in the appropriate box.

Order of the Rite	Part 1	Part 2	Part 3	Part 4
Title of each part:				
Description of each part:				

### The Four Parts of the Confirmation Rite:

- \*The renewal of Baptismal Promises
- \*Anointing with Chrism



- \*The laying on of Hands
- \*The calling by name

### Description of each Part:

- Now that the candidate is older and can speak for themselves, and to remind us of the link between baptism and confirmation, the candidates stand and renew their baptismal vows.
- The link between baptism and confirmation is further reinforced as the Bishop traces the sign of the cross on their foreheads with a special oil that we first received in baptism, while saying 'Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit'.
- Following the example of Peter and John in the Acts of the Apostles the celebrant extends his hands over the confirmation candidates and prays a special prayer calling down the Holy Spirit upon those who are to be confirmed.
- This part of the Rite reminds us that God calls each of us by name. The candidates are presented to the community and they stand by way of presenting themselves for the sacrament.



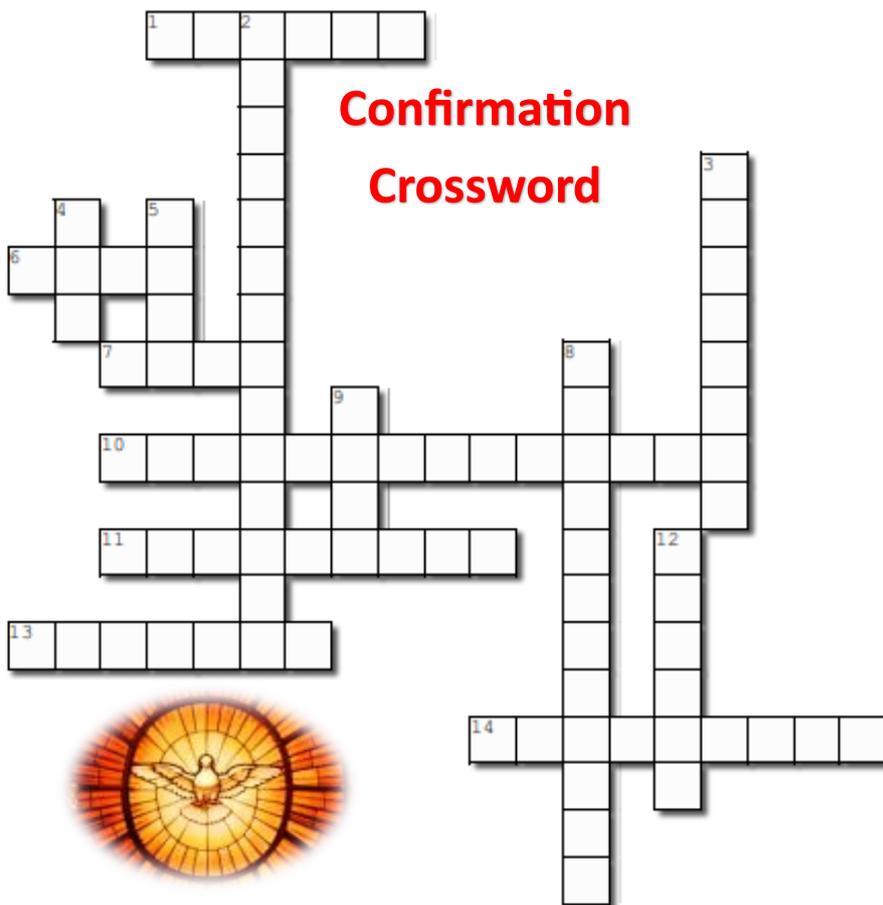
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## Confirmation Crossword



### Down

2. A gift of the Holy Spirit that helps us make the right decisions.
3. Another name for the Spirit that means helper.
4. Happiness depends on things outside ourselves, this fruit of the Holy Spirit comes from within.
5. A tax collector who became Matthew.
8. A fruit that is about being reliable and trustworthy.
9. They will know we are Christians by our \_\_\_\_\_.
12. 'Be \_\_\_\_\_ with the gift of the Holy Spirit'.

### Across

1. A sacred oil used at Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination.
6. The form the Spirit took at Jesus' baptism.
7. One of the symbols of the Holy Spirit
10. A powerful three word prayer to the Spirit.
11. A gift of the Holy Spirit that helps us to be prayerful and respectful of all life and of the planet.
13. God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
14. When the Spirit descended on the disciples as tongues of fire.

## Family Assignment

*(Fill the following section with members of your family)*

1. Ask your parent or guardian the following questions about their confirmation:
  - a) What can you remember about the day? Where did it take place? Who was the bishop? Who was your teacher? What class were you in? Who was your best friend?
  - b) Who did you choose as your sponsor and why?
  - c) Can you remember what name you chose? Why did you choose that name?
  - d) Share with your family the name you have chosen and who your sponsor is. Explain why you made these choices.
2. Watch a short animated movie online together ('Partly Cloudy' is very good and is just 6mins long). See how many fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit feature in the movie. More often than not you will see them all. Enjoy!
3. On the day of your confirmation you will be sealed with the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit and the oil of chrism is used by way of strengthening you. How would you like the Holy Spirit to strengthen you and what fruits and gifts will you be asking the Spirit to strengthen in you?
4. Confirmation is not meant to be the end of your journey in faith but actually the start of something greater. How are you going to put the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit into action to make the world a better place? What are you going to do or what commitments are you willing to make to your family, friends, school and parish?
5. Confirmation is a lovely family occasion when we experience the grace and love of God. Think about how you would like it to help family. Say a prayer together, praying that it will be a great day for you all..Our Father

