

TRUTHS OF OUR FAITH 8th GRADE
CONFIRMATION TEST REVIEW QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

A.) The Ten Commandments

1. **Memorize the Ten Commandments in order.**
 - 1.) I am the Lord your God; you shall have no strange gods before Me.
 - 2.) You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
 - 3.) Keep holy the Lord's Day.
 - 4.) Honor your mother and father.
 - 5.) You shall not kill.
 - 6.) You shall not commit adultery.
 - 7.) You shall not steal.
 - 8.) You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
 - 9.) You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
 - 10.) You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

B.) Sacraments

2. **What is a sacrament?**

An outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace.
3. **What is grace?**

God's presence among us.
4. **Name the seven sacraments.**

Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, Matrimony, Holy Orders, Anointing of the Sick.
5. **What are the Sacraments of Initiation?**

Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders.
6. **Which sacraments bestow a sacramental character and so can only be received once?**

Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders.
7. **What is Baptism?**

The sacrament that gives our souls new life, makes us children of God and members of the Christian community, the Church.
8. **What does Baptism do?**

Baptism washes away original sin and gives us grace.
9. **Who administers Baptism?**

Usually a priest or deacon, but in danger of death, anyone can baptize.
10. **How would a priest or deacon baptize someone?**

By pouring holy water over a person's forehead and saying at the same time, "(Name), I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."
11. **What is Reconciliation?**

The sacrament by which sins committed after Baptism are forgiven through the absolution of a priest. Often referred to as Confession or Penance.
12. **Who has the power to forgive sin?**

A priest.
13. **What is Holy Communion?**

Receiving Jesus in the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, that is, the body and blood of Jesus under the appearance of bread and wine.

- 14. How does one receive Communion worthily?**
By being free from mortal sin and having fasted for one hour before receiving Communion.
- 15. When, where, and by whom was Holy Eucharist instituted?**
On Holy Thursday, at the Last Supper, by Jesus Christ.
- 16. What is Viaticum?**
When Holy Communion is received by someone who is dying.
- 17. What is Confirmation?**
Confirmation is the Sacrament through which the Holy Spirit comes to us in a special way with many gifts and helps us to profess our faith as strong witnesses for Christ.
- 18. Who is the celebrant of Confirmation?**
Usually the bishop, but if not, a priest delegated by the bishop.
- 19. What is chrism?**
A mixture of oil and balm blessed by the bishop at the Chrism Mass during Holy Week.
- 20. What are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and what does each gift do?**
1.) Fear of the Lord: The gift to stand before God with awe and respect
2.) Piety: The gift that leads us into a relationship of love and devotion with God
3.) Counsel: The gift to know God's will
4.) Wisdom: The gift to know how to do God's will
5.) Fortitude: The gift of strength and power to do God's will
6.) Knowledge: The gift to know that the revealed truths of God are true
7.) Understanding: The gift to comprehend the revealed truths of God
- 21. What is necessary to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation worthily?**
To be in a state of grace and to know the chief truths and duties of our religion.
- 22. Why do we take the name of a saint for Confirmation?**
So we may pray in a special way to the particular saint for his/her intercession. We usually pick the name of a saint whose life resembles our own or whose life we admire; we may also pick the name of a saint that is the name of someone we admire.
- 23. Who are the ministers of the Sacrament of Matrimony?**
The bride and the groom.
- 24. What is divorce?**
The legal separation of married persons; a complete severance of the marriage bond. Divorce is not a sin except for those who willfully and deliberately cause the marriage to end.
- 25. May a divorced person receive the sacraments?**
A divorced person who is not remarried may receive the sacraments.
- 26. What is an annulment?**
An annulment dissolves a marriage in the eyes of the Catholic Church.
- 27. What is the Sacrament of Holy Orders?**
The sacrament through which a man receives the power and grace to perform the sacred duties and ministries of bishop, priest, and deacon.
- 28. What is the ceremony of Holy Orders called and who is the minister of Holy Orders?**
Ordination. A bishop.

C.) The Mass

- 29. What is the First part of the Mass?**
The Liturgy of the Word
- 30. What is the Second part of the Mass?**
The Liturgy of the Eucharist.
- 31. When must Catholics attend Mass?**
Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- 32. What are the Holy Days of Obligation?**
- 1.) Immaculate Conception – December 8
 - 2.) Christmas – December 25
 - 3.) Mary, Mother of God – January 1
 - 4.) Ascension Thursday – Forty days after Easter
 - 5.) Assumption – August 15
 - 6.) All Saints Day – November 1

D.) The Church

- 33. What is the Church?**
The community of baptized persons assembled by God and founded by Christ.
- 34. Which person of the Holy Trinity guides the Church?**
The Holy Spirit.
- 35. What are the marks of the Church?**
- 1.) One – Unity of all members of Christ
 - 2.) Holy – Called to live in love with God and others
 - 3.) Catholic – Universal, open to people of every nation, status, religion, race, and color
 - 4.) Apostolic – Rooted in the Apostles of Jesus
- 36. Who was the first pope?**
Peter.
- 37. Who is the current pope?**
Francis.
- 38. Name our Diocese and our Bishop.**
The Diocese of Trenton. The Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.
- 39. Who are Cardinals?**
Priests who assist the Church by governing it and by electing a pope.
- 40. What is a meeting of all the bishops of the world called? When was the last one?**
An ecumenical council. Vatican Council II in 1964.

E.) The Apostles' Creed

- 41. Recite the Apostles' 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, sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall 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.