Review Sheet for Test on the Sacrament of Confirmation

1. What is Confirmation?
The word "confirmation" means strengthening. In the sacrament of Confirmation, the grace of Baptism is strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, empowering the recipient to be a witness of the Catholic Faith through evangelization in word and deed. Only when you are confirmed are you fully initiated as a member of the Catholic Faith.

2. What is Pentecost?
Pentecost is the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the 12 Apostles in the Upper Room, filling them with God's grace and empowering them to live and proclaim the Gospel. Pentecost is often called the "Birthday of the Church" and can be considered the "first" Confirmation.

3. Who is the ordinary minister of the Sacrament of Confirmation?
The bishop is the ordinary minister of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

4. Who is the bishop of the Diocese of Arlington?
Bishop Michael F. Burbidge is the bishop of the Arlington Diocese.

5. What is the form and matter of the sacrament of Confirmation?
The matter of the sacrament is Sacred Chrism. The form of the Sacrament is the words: "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."

6. Who is your Confirmation Saint? Why did you choose this person?
(Make sure you know at least 3 different things about your saint!)

7. Why do you want to be confirmed?
(Make sure you have at least 3 good reasons!)

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8. What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit?
There are seven – Wisdom, Knowledge, Counsel, Piety, Understanding, Fortitude, and Fear of the Lord.

Definitions of the 7 Gifts of the Spirit

1. Wisdom - The highest gift, which judges and orders all things according to divine standards, allowing a person to taste or experience the divine and perfecting the virtue of charity.

2. Understanding - Penetrates the inner essence of divine truths and mysteries of faith, going beyond mere human reasoning to grasp the true meaning of revealed realities.

3. Knowledge - Judges rightly about created things in relation to God, seeing how worldly realities can either lead to or separate one from the Creator, perfecting the virtue of faith.

4. Counsel - Perfects the virtue of prudence by enabling a person to discern what specific actions are right or pleasing to God in complex, real-life situations.

5. Fortitude - Gives the soul an inner, supernatural firmness and courage to overcome great difficulties, endure trials, and carry out difficult tasks in service to God, perfecting moral courage.

6. Piety - Perfects the virtue of justice by inspiring a deep, filial love and affectionate respect for God as a loving Father, extending that same sense of kinship to all people.

7. Fear of the Lord - Perfects the virtues of hope and temperance by creating a profound sense of awe and reverence before God's majesty, combined with a supreme dread of separating oneself from His grace through sin.