

CATECHISM COMPETITION

St. Thomas More Priory

3rd and 4th Grades

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Baptism

56. *What is the Sacrament of Baptism?*

Baptism is the Sacrament which:

1. takes away original sin;
2. gives us the life of grace;
3. makes us children of God and members of His Church.

He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.—ST. MARK 16, 16.

57. *What is the duty of a baptized person?*

A baptized person must live as a child of God. He must:

1. believe in God;
2. keep the Commandments of God and of His Church.

*For as many of you as have been baptized in Christ
Have put on Christ.*—GALATIANS 3, 27.

58. *Is Baptism necessary for salvation?*

Baptism is necessary for salvation, for without Baptism we cannot enter Heaven.

*Unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Ghost,
He cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*—ST. JOHN 3, 5.

59. *Who is the minister of Baptism?*

The priest is the ordinary minister of Baptism.

60. *Who may baptize in case of necessity?*

In case of necessity anyone may baptize.

61. *How must Baptism be given in case of necessity?*

Whoever baptizes must pour water on the head of the person to be baptized, and say while pouring the water: "I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

*Going therefore, teach all nations,
Baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost.*—ST. MATTHEW 28, 19.

62. *What indelible sacramental character did Baptism stamp on your soul?*

Baptism stamped on my soul that indelible sacramental character which:

1. makes me a member of God's Church;
2. entitles me to receive the other Sacraments.

*He gave them power to be made the sons of God,
To them that believe in His Name.—ST. JOHN 1, 12.*

*Receive this white garment. May you bear it without stain before
the Judgment seat of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you may have life
everlasting.*

RITUAL—THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.

63. *Why is the name of a saint given to us in Baptism?*

The name of a saint is given to us in Baptism in order that we may:

1. have him for our patron;
2. imitate his virtues.

We are the children of saints.—TOBIAS 8, 5.

MY PRAYER

O MY GOD, MAKE ME WORTHY TO BE YOUR CHILD.

THINGS TO DO, TO TELL, AND TO THINK ABOUT

(SELECT ACCORDING TO YOUR NEEDS)

SOME NEW WORDS

Use these words in sentences of your own:

Baptism	ordinary	patron	virtues
necessary	entitles	imitate	salvation

COLUMNS TO MATCH

Column I

the life of grace
the priest
Baptism
a baptized person
patron
original sin

Column II

a Christian
taken away by Baptism
makes us children of God
our namesake in Heaven
the ordinary minister of Baptism
comes to us in Baptism

THINGS TO DO

1. Find in this lesson, Scripture texts which tell us:
We cannot enter Heaven without Baptism.
Christ commanded His Apostles to baptize all.
Baptism makes us children of God.
We cannot save our souls without Faith and Baptism.
We must be Christlike.
2. Get permission from your Pastor to attend a Baptism in your church, and then report to your class all the ceremonies that you observed.
3. Irene's baby sister was baptized yesterday. She received the name of Mary. Can you tell all the wonderful things that took place in Mary's soul when she was baptized?
4. Can you baptize? How? When may you baptize? Whom? Why?
5. At your Baptism you received the name of a saint. This name is called your Christian name. After what saint are you named? What do you know of the life of your patron? In what way can you imitate this saint?
6. Why does the Holy Childhood Association ransom pagan babies? Can you help? How?
7. Alexander is not baptized. He wants to know why he cannot enter Heaven without Baptism. What would you tell him?
8. Do you know the story of the Holy Innocents? Were they baptized with water? Did they go straight to Heaven? Do you know what we call those who die for God? Do any people die for God in our day? Tell a story about them. Tell your class the story of the Holy Innocents.
9. What is the difference between you and an unbaptized person?
10. Why is the Apostles' Creed recited by the person to be baptized or by the sponsors? Why the Our Father?
11. What promises do we make in Baptism? Why must there be sponsors in Baptism, even in adult Baptism?
12. What is Baptismal water? When is it blessed?
13. If you were called upon in an emergency to baptize a dying person, how would you do it? Would you need Baptismal water for that Baptism?
14. When should children be baptized? Why? Is it a grievous sin for parents to neglect to have a child baptized? Why?

15. What name did the Little Flower receive in Baptism? Who was her patron saint? Can you tell a story to show what the Little Flower gained from studying and imitating her patron?
16. Where were you baptized? Can you find out who baptized you?
17. Who says the words quoted from the Ritual on page 150? When? Were these words said to you? When? Read these words, putting your own Christian name in place of "you." What must you do to keep the innocence which was yours on the day of your Baptism?

READ TO TELL

Can you find a story of the Baptism of the Early Christians? Read it, and tell the story to your class.

A QUESTION BOX

Make your own Question Box. What important questions on Baptism would you like to have answered? Write them out.

A PRAYER

Think of God. Thank Him for the grace of Baptism. Ask Him to make you worthy to be His child.

Confirmation

64. *What is the Sacrament of Confirmation?*

Confirmation is the Sacrament through which we receive the Holy Ghost to make us soldiers of Jesus Christ, ready to show our Faith in word and in action.

65. *Who gives the Sacrament of Confirmation?*

The Bishop gives the Sacrament of Confirmation.

66. *How does the Bishop confirm?*

The Bishop confirms by laying his hands on the person to be confirmed and anointing him on the forehead with chrism in the form of a cross.

*They (Peter and John) laid their hands upon them,
And they received the Holy Ghost.—ACTS 8, 17.*

67. *What does the Bishop say when he confirms?*

When the Bishop confirms he says: "I sign you with the Sign of the Cross, and I confirm you with the chrism of salvation, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

*May the Holy Ghost descend upon you
And may the power of the Most High preserve you from sin.*

PONTIFICAL—THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.

68. *Why does the Bishop anoint our forehead with chrism in the form of a cross?*

The Bishop anoints our forehead with chrism in the form of a cross, to remind us that we must:

1. openly profess and practice our Faith;
2. never be ashamed of it;
3. rather die than deny it.

*Everyone therefore that shall confess Me before men,
I will also confess him before My Father who is in Heaven.
But he that shall deny Me before men,
I will also deny him before My Father who is in Heaven.*

ST. MATTHEW 10, 32-33.

69. *What is required of us to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?*

To receive the Sacrament of Confirmation we must:

1. be baptized;
2. be in the state of grace;
3. know the chief mysteries of Faith.

*When I was a child, I spoke as a child,
I understood as a child, I thought as a child.
But, when I became a man, I put away the things of a child.*

I CORINTHIANS 13, 11.

70. *What indelible sacramental character does Confirmation stamp on our soul?*

Confirmation stamps on our soul that indelible sacramental character which entitles us to the strength needed to show our Faith in word and in action.

I can do all things in Him who strengthens me.

PHILIPPIANS 4, 13.

71. *Why should all Catholics be confirmed?*

All Catholics should be confirmed because the Sacrament of Confirmation strengthens us to attain salvation more easily; therefore it is wrong to neglect this Sacrament.

Confirm, O Lord, what Thou hast wrought in us.

PONTIFICAL—THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.

72. *Why should we continue to study Religion after we have been confirmed?*

We should continue to study Religion after we have been confirmed because we must know our Faith thoroughly in order to profess it in both word and action.

*Jesus advanced in wisdom, and age, and grace
With God and men.—ST. LUKE 2, 52.*

MY PRAYER

O MY GOD, MAKE ME A STRONG CHRISTIAN.

THINGS TO DO, TO TELL, AND TO THINK ABOUT

(SELECT ACCORDING TO YOUR NEEDS)

WORDS OLD AND NEW

The following words will help us to understand the lesson on Confirmation. Can you use them in sentences of your own?

Confirmation	in word	chrism	profess
strengthens	in action	anoint	salvation
character	thoroughly	attain	practice

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

From your study of Confirmation, you are able to answer the following questions. Write your answers.

1. To whom may Confirmation be given?
2. By whom is Confirmation given?
3. How is it given?
4. With what words?
5. What does Confirmation do for us?
6. What character does it impress on our souls?
7. How long will this character remain on our souls?

COLUMNS TO MATCH

Column I

Baptism
Confirmation
Bishop
chrism
state of grace

Column II

required for Confirmation
used for anointing
the minister of Confirmation
must be received before Confirmation
makes us soldiers of Christ

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT AND TO TELL

1. Confirmation makes you a soldier of Jesus Christ. What qualities of a good soldier should be looked for in a confirmed Christian?
2. Why do we take a new name in Confirmation?
3. Angela wants to know if she must go to Confession before she receives the Sacrament of Confirmation. Tell Angela.
4. Explain the Scripture texts given under "Confirmation."
5. Cyril asks why Confirmation is sometimes called the Sacrament of the Holy Ghost. Can you think of a good reason?
6. Are you confirmed? Who confirmed you? Where? When?
7. Walter expects to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during the year. Why should he receive instruction in Religion?

8. When did the Holy Ghost come down upon the Apostles? Did the presence of the Holy Ghost in them change them into strong Christians? Explain.
9. St. Paul said the words quoted from Philippians 4, 13, on page 154. Why could he say these words? Should every confirmed Catholic be able to say them? Why?
10. Who said the words quoted from St. Matthew 10, 32-33, on page 153? Can you tell what these words mean?

READ TO TELL

Read a story about the Early Christian Martyrs. Tell the story to your class.

SOMETHING TO DO

What questions on Confirmation would you like to ask? Write them out; put them in the Question Box; and have your class answer them.

A PRAYER

Think of God. Speak to Him using the words of "My Prayer" on page 154.

The Holy Eucharist

73. *What is the Holy Eucharist?*

The Holy Eucharist is Jesus Christ Himself under the appearances of bread and wine.

*I am the living Bread which came down from Heaven.
Lord, give us always this Bread.—ST. JOHN 6, 51 and 34.*

The Last Supper

74. *When did Jesus Christ institute the Holy Eucharist?*

Jesus Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, the night before He died.

*Before the festival day of the Pasch,
Jesus knowing that His hour was come,
That He should pass out of this world to the Father,
Having loved His own who were in the world,
He loved them unto the end.—ST. JOHN 13, 1.*