



# Confirmation Reflection Packet

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## Reflection Booklet

The activities contained in this booklet will help you to reflect on many of the ideas you will be discussing in class. They will help you to find meaning in some of the parts of the actual Confirmation liturgy. They will help you to think about some familiar Scripture stories. They will allow you to express your ideas about some of the things you have learned about your Faith.

While there are no "right" or "wrong" answers to most of the questions, there is a "right and a "wrong" way to approach this project.



We are hoping that your answers will be well-thought-out and written in a clear and understandable way. Your answers, after all, are a reflection of how seriously you are committed to preparing for the completion of your initiation into the Church.

Obviously, then, answers that are "just thrown together" without any real thought—just to get done—will not be very convincing signs of your seriousness.

The booklet contains seven (7) activities. All of these activities must be completed. Please complete them in order.

- ✓ You may work directly on the pages of this booklet, although you may want to write your "first draft" on another sheet first.

Please follow the directions from your teachers about turning in these reflections. Your envelope containing your reflection packet will be collected on Monday, December 5, 2011 with your service listed on the envelope for the first check. The first 3 activities must be completed at this time.

Liturgy Reflection Booklet brought to class on Monday, December 12, 2011.

All seven reflections must be completed and turned in to your teacher by Monday, February 6, 2012 with your remaining service projects listed.

Hands-on Reflection is due on Monday, February 6, 2012.

Liturgy Reflection Booklet brought to class on Monday, April 23, 2012.

Reflection Booklet Activity # 1

**THE LORD SAID, "GO"**

**Please read slowly:**

The Lord said, "Go" and I said; "Who, me?" And God said, "Yes, you!" And I said, "But I'm not ready yet and there are friends coming over, and I can't leave my family; you know there's no one to take my place." And God said, "You're stalling." Again the Lord said, "Go!" and I said, "But I don't want to," And God said, "I didn't ask if you wanted to." And I said, "Listen, I'm not the kind of person to get involved in controversy. Besides, my family won't like it, and what will my friends think!" And God said, "Baloney!" And yet a third time the Lord said, "Go!" And I said, "Do I have to?" And God said, "Do you love me?" And I said, "Look, I'm scared... People are going to hate me...And make fun of me...I can't take it all by myself." And God said, "Where do you think I'll be?" And the Lord said, "Go!" and I sighed, "Here I am, send me!"

Membership in Christ's Church brings with it certain requirements. One is to live as Jesus lived, to share in the mission of Jesus. He brought new life, joy, healing, peace, and well-being. There are many needs in the world around us that we, as sharers in Jesus' mission, may be called to address.

For each of the "areas" listed in the boxes, list two "needs" that you know of.

<b>Needs in my Family</b>	<b>Needs in my Church</b>
<b>Needs in my Neighborhood</b>	<b>Needs in my World Community</b>

With the talents and skills you have **Right Now**, which of these needs might you be able to address?

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As you prepare to be an adult follower of Jesus, which of these needs would you be able to help others meet?

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Reflection Booklet Activity # 2

**WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS**

The words of Scripture are not meant to be read in the same way you read the words in your American history book. They are meant to be read just as if they were addressed directly and personally to you

Our faith is in a living God--who now reveals Himself to us in many ways, and whose message is one for us to understand and follow each day of our lives.

Read each of the following Scripture quotations from your Bible. Think about its message for you today. Then answer the questions about the selection.

John 15: 12-13

What is the greatest way to show your love for someone? \_\_\_\_\_

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How did Jesus do this? \_\_\_\_\_

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John 15: 14-17

How do we show that we are friends of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

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What commandment did Jesus give us to follow? \_\_\_\_\_

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John 17: 9-11

What is Jesus doing for his friends? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is Jesus asking God to do for his followers? \_\_\_\_\_

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Matthew 26: 36-46

What did Jesus need from Peter, James and John? \_\_\_\_\_

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Name two ways they failed Jesus. \_\_\_\_\_

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Where did Jesus find his strength? \_\_\_\_\_

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Matthew 27: 57-61

What friend of Jesus is referred to here? \_\_\_\_\_

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How did he show his friendship for Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

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Matthew 28: 18-20

What did Jesus ask us to do as his friends? \_\_\_\_\_

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What sacrament do we have that fulfills the saying "I am with you always"? \_\_\_\_\_

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Reflection Booklet Activity # 3

**COME AND SEE: BEING A DISCIPLE**

Read John 1: 35-42 and Matthew 4: 18-22 from your bible.

"What are you looking for?" "Where do you stay?" "They stayed that day..."

These statements are made about the first of Jesus' disciples. Andrew and John then went home to tell their brothers Peter and James about Jesus. These followers continued on a part-time basis to travel in Jesus' company. One day they were cleaning their boats down by the seashore. Jesus offered them an invitation to follow Him more closely. How did they respond? They immediately left their boats and their possessions behind to walk with Jesus.

What were the consequences of leaving their boats to follow Jesus? What did they leave behind? What did they think lay ahead?

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How do you think their families felt when they left?

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What are Christians today asked to leave behind to be followers of Jesus?

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How is Jesus inviting you to follow him in the events of your life today?

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Reflection Booklet Activity # 4

**RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES**

At the Confirmation liturgy, we are asked to renew those promises made for us when we were baptized as infants. As infants, we had no idea of the meaning of these promises. At Confirmation, we must make these promises again-fully aware of what it is we are promising.

PRIEST: Do you reject Satan and all his works and all his empty promises?

Candidates: I do.

PRIEST: Do you believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

CANDIDATES: I do.

PRIEST: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

CANDIDATES: I do

PRIEST: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who came upon the apostles at Pentecost and who will be given to you sacramentally in Confirmation?

CANDIDATES: I do.

PRIEST: Do you believe in the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

Candidates: I do.

PRIEST: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

What does it mean to reject Satan, all his works, and all his empty promises?

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What important truths do we profess about the TRINITY?

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What is the holy, Catholic Church?

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What is the Communion of Saints?

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Why is it important for us to feel the forgiveness of our sins? How do we experience this?

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What does the resurrection of the body and life everlasting mean?

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Reflection Booklet Activity # 5

**GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT—Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgment, Knowledge, Courage,  
Reverence, Wonder and Awe**

Name someone who has taught you to be courageous. \_\_\_\_\_

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What are some ways to make the world a better place to live that require courage? \_\_\_\_\_

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Name someone whom you consider wise. What makes that person wise? \_\_\_\_\_

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Can you describe a recent experience in your life which required you to act with wisdom? \_\_\_\_\_

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Who has been a model of reverence in your life? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are some ways you show reverence? \_\_\_\_\_

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Name a person who has called your attention to the wonder of God's presence. How did that person accomplish this? \_\_\_\_\_

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How can you help your family to be more aware of the gift of wonder? \_\_\_\_\_

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Who is the most understanding person you know? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why is understanding an important part of living fully the Christian life? \_\_\_\_\_

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List three people you know who are knowledgeable about their faith. \_\_\_\_\_

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What are two ways that you can grow in knowledge during this time of preparing for your Confirmation? \_\_\_\_\_

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Name a world figure political, religious, entertainment, or sports who used the gift of good judgment in making difficult decisions? \_\_\_\_\_

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How can you make better use of the gift of good judgment? \_\_\_\_\_

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Reflection Booklet Activity # 6

**IN THE NEWS: CHRISTIAN LIVING IN THE WORLD:**

Attach your article here

Our world is filled with people who really try to live out their daily lives as followers of Jesus. Their actions are not only "church" activities such as going to Mass or praying, they try to carry out their lives what we as Christians identify as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

For this activity...

1. Find an article in, a current newspaper or magazine which shows someone who acted in the way a disciple of Jesus would act. (Perhaps they are performing one of the Corporal or Spiritual Works of Mercy.)
2. Explain why you chose the story. What made it interesting to you?
3. Why do you think the person in the story acted as he or she did?
4. How do the actions reported in the story reflect Christian actions?

## Reflection Booklet Activity # 7

### THE CORPORAL AND SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

**Corporal Works of Mercy** - kind acts by which we help our neighbors with their everyday material needs. List groups or individuals who help to fill these needs or ways in which these works are accomplished. Corporal works of mercy include:

To feed the hungry

To give drink to the thirsty

To clothe the naked

To visit the imprisoned

To shelter the homeless

To visit the sick

To bury the dead.

**Spiritual Works of Mercy** - are kind acts through which we help our neighbors meet needs that are more than material. List groups of individuals who help to fill these needs or ways to which these works are accomplished. Spiritual works of mercy include:

To correct the sinner

To instruct the ignorant

To counsel the doubtful

To comfort the sorrowful

To bear wrongs patiently

To forgive all injuries

To pray for the living and the dead

# Hands On Reflection

## Spiritual Works of Mercy

Counsel the doubtful...Instruct the ignorant...Admonish the sinner  
Comfort the sorrowful...Forgive injuries...Bear wrongs patiently  
Pray for the living and the dead.

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**Choose one of the above Spiritual Works of Mercy and describe how you help someone.**

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When I did it and the time it took

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What I learned

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