

2018 Adult Confirmation Outline

The assignments for each week require a significant commitment. Please try to read these *before* each session. Additional handouts are usually provided to supplement the material covered in each session and should help you in expanding your knowledge of the material. These can be read at your leisure at a later date. Do the best you can.

Note: In the assignments below, “CCC” refers to paragraphs (not page numbers) of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

February 21, 2018 -- Session 1: Prayer & Discipleship

Introduction to Confirmation – A call to bear witness
Prayer as an important part of this journey
Prayer as part of discipleship
Types of prayer
Developing a Catholic spirituality
Devotions

Reading Assignments:

Read as much of the CCC Sections on prayer as you can – try at least to complete these:

CCC: 2558-2567, 2663-2679, and 2697-99.

CCC “In brief” sections: 2590-97; 2644-49, 2692-96, 2752-58; & 2773-76.

Handout: Some Aspects of Christian Meditation (1989): ns. 4-7

February 28, 2018 -- Session 2: Divine Revelation

After the Fall, God reveals his plan of salvation
Salvation history
The 7 Covenants
The foreshadowing of the Messiah

Reading Assignments:

CCC: 50-53; 75-83; 134-131

Handout: *Dei Verbum*

March 7, 2018 -- Session 3: God becomes Man

The Old Testament fulfilled
Foundational Christological teachings
Church Councils resolve who Jesus is
Scriptures attest to Jesus’ divinity

Reading Assignments:

CCC: 422-451; 456-478; and 484-507.

CCC “In brief” sections: 619-623; 656-658; and 561-570.

March 14, 2018 -- Session 4: Christ founds his Church

The authority of the Church
How the Church teaches
The role of Church Councils
The Church as the People of God / The Mystical Body of Christ

Reading Assignments:

CCC: 748-50; 770-776; 781, 811-812, 823-826; 830-831; 846-848, 857; and 874-896.

CCC “In brief” sections: 802-810; 866-870.

March 21, 2018 -- Session 5: Mary, Mother of the Church

Short review of biblical Mariology
The four Marian dogmas
Mary as Spiritual Mother and Mother of the Church (a doctrine)
Answering typical objections to the Church's Marian doctrines
Marian devotions, especially the Rosary

Reading Assignments:

CCC: 484-511, 829, 773, 963-975; 2617-19.

April 4, 2018 -- Session 6: The Mass and the Paschal Mystery (Part I)

Sacrifice of the Mass (General)
The Real Presence

Reading Assignments:

CCC: 1113, 1322-1405; "In brief" sections: 1187-1199

April 11, 2018 -- Session 7: The Mass and the Paschal Mystery (Part II)

The Mass (specific aspects, e.g. Roman Missal, rubrics, etc.)
Eucharistic devotions (e.g. Making a Holy Hour, etc.)

Reading Assignments:

CCC: 1378, 1413-18, 1088, 1373-77, 1391-1401.

April 18, 2018 -- Session 8: The Sacraments of initiation

(Besides the Eucharist)
Sacramental theology
Baptism & Confirmation; The Rite of Confirmation

Reading Assignments:

CCC: 1066-1076; 1113-1130; 1210-1216; and ... **IMPORTANT: 1285 -1314**

CCC "In brief" sections: 1187-1199 and 1275-1284

Optional ("In brief" review of the other 4 Sacraments): 1485-1498; 1526-1532; 1590-1600; 1659-1666

April 25, 2018 -- Session 9: The Moral life

Conscience, virtue, passions, culpability
Natural law; Secular issues

Reading Assignments:

CCC: 1693-1709; 1749-1756; 1762-1770; 1776-1794; 1803-1805; 1846-1869; 1950-1960; 2030-2046.

CCC "In brief" sections: 1775-1986; 1833-1845.

May 2, 2018 -- Session 10: The Beatitudes

Video on the Beatitudes – Our guide for living
Discussion

Reading Assignments:

CCC: 1716-1724

May 9, 2018 -- Session 11: Jesus & Mary, our Models for Prayer

Video & discussion

Reading Assignments:

CCC: 2607-2619

May 16, 2018 -- Session 12: Preparing for Confirmation

Final Preparation and the Rite

Note: Those attending who are not planning to receive Confirmation need not attend this session.