Confirmation Class March 30, 2014

LESSON ONE: “Your Journey of Faith- You are on a lifelong journey of faith, and Confirmation gives you strength for that journey.”

KEY IDEAS:

* Confirmation is one of the three Sacraments of Initiation on the Catholic Church
* Initiation is a process whereby we are gradually conformed to Christ (we become more and more like him).
* God begins the initiation process.
* In Confirmation the Holy Spirit establishes us more deeply as daughters and sons of God, and strengthens our union with the Church.
* Through the Holy Spirit and with the Church, we are initiated into a way of life that involves a lifetime of learning about faith, developing habits of good decision-making, and building relationships with Jesus and the Church.

DURING CLASS:

1. Read p. 3: The Truth- Receiving the Power of the Spirit. Discuss:

* What is “initiation”?
* What are the three Sacraments of Initiation? What gift does god give us in each sacrament? How does each sacrament help us to grow deeper in relationship with God?
* List three effects of Baptism.
* Why can Baptism and Confirmation only be received once?
* What are some words used in the article to describe the role/action of the Holy Spirit?
* Why do you think the Catechism of the Catholic Church calls the Eucharist the “heart and summit of the Church”?
* When we celebrate the Eucharist, what are we doing and celebrating?
* How does receiving the Eucharist help us?
* When the article says, “Since your Baptism, you have been cooperating with God’s grace in living out your Catholic faith”, what does it mean?

1. Discuss: What things should a person need to know to become a member of an orchestra or band? To stay on as a member, what things would need to happen? What things should a person have to know to be a full member of the Church?
2. Do Activity 2, p. 5- The Case of Li Ming.

* 10 minutes : Teens work in small groups to discuss and answer the questions.
* 5 minutes: Allow teens to share answers/rationale with class.

Finish by reading “Did You Know?” at bottom of p. 5.

1. Have teens read silently p. 6 (“The Truth”) and work in groups to answer the following questions:

* What is the Church? (Para. #1, #3)
* What does the Church do? (Para. #2, #3)?
* What are the four marks of the Church? What does each mean? (Para. # 3,4,5)
* What does each “mark” mean?
* Why is the Church referred to as “the beginning of the Kingdom”? (Para. #8)

1. Homework: p. 7 “The Word” - Scripture Study

* Do at home and be ready to discuss in class on April 6

1. Close with prayer on page 8