

Grade 8 Religion

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Students in Grade 8 are prepared for the reception of the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Students are also required to engage in acts of community service. The Sacrament of Confirmation is one of the three sacraments of initiation into the Catholic Church (together with Baptism and Holy Communion).

This special anointing given by the bishop or priest has the effect of increasing, deepening, and strengthening the sanctifying grace of God given to us at our baptism; while baptism removes from our souls the stain of original sin, **Confirmation pours into our souls the power of the Holy Spirit and his seven gifts – just like the Apostles received at Pentecost.**

1. **The Gift of Wisdom** is our ability to value spiritual things over worldly ones. It enables us to desire the things of God and correctly order the things in our life.
2. **The Gift of Understanding** helps us grasp the truths of the faith more easily and profoundly. This gift strengthens our insight through prayer, scripture, and the sacraments.
3. **The Gift of Right Judgment/Counsel** acknowledges the difference between right and wrong and bestows proper judgment. Counsel inspires us to speak up and encourage others to do the correct thing. It bestows upon us prudence, allowing us to act promptly and rightly in the face of difficult situations.
4. **The Gift of Courage/Fortitude** sustains our decision to follow the will of God in any situation. It allows us to stand up and defend our faith, even when threatened by bodily injury or death.
5. **The Gift of Knowledge** is awareness of God's plan. It is not simply an accumulation of facts, but rather an understanding of God's purpose and how we ought to respond.
6. **The Gift of Piety** or reverence is our obedience to God and our willingness to serve him. It is not just obedience through a sense of duty or obligation, but rather obedience out of love and devotion. It facilitates a deeper respect and honor for God and His Church.
7. **The Gift of Wonder and Awe/Fear of the Lord** makes us aware of the glory and majesty of God. Wonder and awe increases our desire to draw closer to God and depart from sin.

MAJOR AREAS OF EXPLORATION:

September & October: Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

November - June: Personal Relationship with God (*The Shack*)

The Year Culminates With The Presentation of Students' Final Product On ***THE SHACK***

GRADING POLICY: Report card grades are computed according to the following weights:

Exams	60%
Homework	20%
Writing	10%
Class Participation/On Task	<u>10%</u>
	100%

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I have read the above information in regard to 8th Religion. I also give permission for my son/daughter to attend Religion class on the beach.

Parent's Signature

Student's Name and Homeroom