

# Confirmation Study Guide

## **The Ten Commandments**

Page 46, Textbook (*We Live Our Faith As Disciples of Jesus: VI – Sadlier*)

1. I am the Lord your God; you shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

## **The Two Great Commandments of Love**

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1. Love God with all your heart, and soul, and mind.
2. Love your neighbor as yourself.

## **The Seven Sacraments**

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1. **Baptism**  
*We are welcomed into the Church, becoming children of God.*
2. **Confirmation**  
*We are sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.*
3. **Eucharist**  
*We receive Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life.*
4. **Penance or Reconciliation**  
*We turn to God with sorrow for sin and receive his love and forgiveness.*
5. **Anointing of the Sick**  
*People who are sick and suffering are helped and comforted.*
6. **Matrimony**  
*A baptized man and woman are strengthened for family life and service by their faithful love.*
7. **Holy Orders**  
*Baptized men are ordained to lead and serve the Church.*

## **Sacraments of Initiation**

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*Three sacraments lay the foundation for our lives as disciples of Christ. Thorough the reception of these sacraments we are initiated into the Church and receive the grace to spread God's kingdom.*

- Baptism
- Confirmation
- Eucharist

## **Sacraments of Healing**

Page 111, Textbook

*Through these sacraments the Church continues Jesus' healing ministry.*

- Penance or Reconciliation
- Anointing of the Sick

## **Sacraments of Vocation (Commitment / Service)**

Page 194, 196, Textbook

*Church members are called to a specific mission of service to others.*

- Holy Orders
- Matrimony

**The Beatitudes**

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- **Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**  
*This Beatitude tells us about our attitude toward the things we have; we should not be overly attached to possessions. Our confidence should be in God. We are called to share whatever we have with others.*
- **Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.**  
*We are to be signs of hope despite the sadness, evil, and injustice we see in the world. As Jesus' disciples, we are to comfort those who suffer injustice and loss.*
- **Blessed are the meek; for they will inherit the land.**  
*The meek are the humble – that is, those who realize that their talents and abilities come from God. We are to use our God-given talents and abilities to do what is good, showing love for God and others.*
- **Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.**  
*The greatest desire of those who hunger and thirst for righteousness is for God's power and presence to be at work in the world. As Jesus' disciples, we try to do God's will. We put our trust in God and carry out Christ's work of justice.*
- **Blessed are the merciful; for they will be shown mercy.**  
*Those who show love and forgive others will themselves receive love and forgiveness in God's Kingdom. We are to show compassion to all people.*
- **Blessed are the clean of heart; for they will see God.**  
*The clean of heart are those who are open to God and God's law. They are sincere in everything they do. We are to be faithful Christians and find Christ in others.*
- **Blessed are the peacemakers; for they will be called children of God.**  
*God wants all people to love one another and to have the peace that comes from loving him and trusting in his will. We are called to be reconcilers in our homes, communities, and world. We are to bring people together.*
- **Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**  
*Prophets were often persecuted when they brought people God's message. We are to live out our Christian faith even when others do not understand our beliefs.*

**The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

Page 167, Textbook

1. **Wisdom**  
*The knowledge and ability to recognize and follow God's will in our lives.*
2. **Understanding**  
*The ability to love others as Jesus calls us to.*
3. **Counsel (Right Judgment)**  
*The ability to make good choices.*
4. **Fortitude (Courage)**  
*The strength to give witness to our faith in Jesus Christ.*
5. **Knowledge**  
*The ability to learn more about God and his plan, leading us to wisdom and understanding.*
6. **Piety (Reverence)**  
*A love and respect for all that God has created.*
7. **Fear of the Lord (Wonder and Awe)**  
*A recognition that God's presence and love fill all creation.*

### ***The Corporal Works of Mercy***

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*The Corporal Works of Mercy are acts of love that help us to care for the physical and material needs of others.*

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Visit the imprisoned
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Bury the dead

### ***The Spiritual Works of Mercy***

Page 229, Textbook

*The Spiritual Works of Mercy are acts of love that help us to care for the needs of people's hearts, minds, and souls.*

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

### ***The Precepts of the Church***

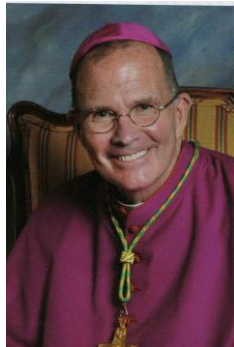
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1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and rest from servile labor.
2. You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
3. You shall receive the Sacrament of Eucharist at least during the Easter season.
4. You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
5. You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.

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