

## **8<sup>h</sup> Grade Discussion Questions – Fr Mike Video**

What are the five effects of Confirmation?

- 1. Roots us more deeply in the divine filiation [being adopted as sons and daughters of God the Father] which makes us cry, "Abba! Father!"**
- 2. Unites us more firmly to Jesus Christ.**
- 3. Increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us (see the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit).**
- 4. Renders our bond with the Church [the Body of Christ] more perfect.**
- 5. Gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross.**

Which of the five effects of Confirmation stands out to you the most, and why?

The video says Confirmation makes you a deeper son or daughter of God—what do you think it means to call God “Father” in your own life?

How is being “united more closely to Jesus” different from just knowing about Him?

The video says Confirmation completes your bond with the Church—what does it mean to really belong to the Church?

Confirmation gives you strength to “spread and defend the faith”—what might that actually look like for someone your age?

Fr Mike talks about not being ashamed of the Cross—even in small ways (like praying in public). Why do you think that can be hard?

At the end, he says: *“Ask for it.”*

Do you think people actually expect God to act in their lives? Why or why not?