

## Make-Up Assignment for Missed Confirmation Retreat – 9.20.2025

**Introduction:** You missed an important Confirmation retreat, but don't worry! This make-up assignment is designed to help you reflect on the key topics we discussed while also deepening your understanding of what it means to live as a Catholic, be connected to God's purpose for your life, and embrace the gifts of the Holy Spirit. You'll also be exploring the saints and how God's love works in our lives. Be ready to engage with the material and share your thoughts—it's meant to be both reflective and fun!

Along with the reflection questions, please **sign up for multiple shifts** for the upcoming **Rise Against Hunger Service Project** on October 20 and **an additional weekend Mass service role** as a cross bearer, usher, or greeter at your parish. Being involved in service is a vital part of living your Catholic faith!

### Part 1: Catholic and Proud

In this first section, you'll explore what it truly means to be Catholic and reflect on the saints' lives and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

#### 1. Reflection on Being Catholic

Catholics are called not just to follow rules but to live a life filled with faith and guided by the Holy Spirit. Saints are excellent role models who lived their faith fully, and we're all called to live like them in our own way.

#### Questions:

- Who is someone in your life (family member, friend, teacher) that has inspired you to live out your faith? How have they been like a saint in your life?
- Pick one of the **Gifts of the Holy Spirit** (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, or fear of the Lord). Explain how you've seen this gift in action in your life or someone else's.

2. **Activity:** Create a "**Saints in My Life**" Poster. On a sheet of paper, draw or write about people who have inspired you to live more fully in your faith. Decorate it however you'd like, then share it with your Confirmation class at your next meeting.

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### Part 2: Why Am I Here?

This section helps you reflect on your deeper purpose in life and how to trust in God's plan for you.

#### 1. Reflecting on God's Purpose

Each of us has a unique purpose, and God gives us talents and gifts to serve others and

grow closer to Him. Finding our purpose means learning to trust in God's plan, even when things aren't clear.

#### **Questions:**

- What are some of your talents or interests, and how do you think God is calling you to use them to help others?
- Are there any parts of your life where you've struggled to trust God's plan? How might you grow in trusting Him more?

2. **Witness Talk Reflection:** In the retreat, Elise gave a talk about **Trusting in God**. Reflect on how trust plays a role in your faith journey. How can you trust God more, especially when facing challenges or making decisions?

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### **Part 3: The Depth of God's Love**

Here, you'll think about God's love and grace—how it shows up in your life and how you can live in response to that love.

#### **1. Reflection on God's Love**

God's love is endless and empowering, helping us grow in faith and live a righteous life. His grace gives us strength in our daily actions.

#### **Questions:**

- Describe a time when you felt God's love in your life. How did it make you feel or change your perspective?
- How do you think God's grace can help you handle the challenges in your life?

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### **Part 4: Dare to Live in Faith**

This section focuses on how to boldly live out your faith in today's world and how the Church supports you in this journey.

#### **1. Living Out Your Faith**

Being Catholic means more than just attending Mass; it's about living your faith every day, even when it's challenging. The Church provides support, community, and the sacraments to help you along the way.

#### **Questions:**

- What's one thing you can do this week to boldly live out your faith? It could be something small like helping a friend or being more patient with your family.
- How can the Church community help you be stronger in your faith? Is there someone from the parish you look up to?

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## Part 5: Committing to Christ & Embracing a Spiritual Life

In this final section, you'll think about what it means to commit to Christ and how to build a deeper spiritual life.

### 1. Commitment to Christ

Being committed to Christ isn't just about attending religious events—it's about allowing your relationship with Jesus to shape how you live every day.

#### Questions:

- What does committing to Christ mean to you personally? How do you think this could impact your daily life, both at school and at home?
- What's one spiritual practice (like daily prayer, reading scripture, or attending Mass) that you can start or improve in your life?

2. **Daily Prayer Challenge:** Create a daily prayer routine for yourself. Write a short prayer that you will commit to praying every morning or evening. It could be something simple like thanking God for the day or asking Him for guidance in a tough situation.

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## Final Step: Service Project & Mass Role Sign-Up

Living your faith also means serving others. **Sign up for multiple shifts for the Rise Against Hunger Service Project** on October 20. You'll be part of a group working together to pack meals for people facing food insecurity. **Also sign up for an additional role at a weekend Mass** between now and December 8th (cross bearer, usher, or greeter). Submit your sign-ups through your parish's volunteer forms.

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## Conclusion:

Once you've completed all sections, submit your responses to your Confirmation leader and share your **Saints in My Life** poster at your next class. This assignment will help you catch up on everything you missed and will prepare you for the next steps in your Confirmation journey!

