

## 2 What's the point ?

### THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMATION

What's the point of all this? Why do you want to be confirmed? Think about this by ranking the following from 1 to 5 according to importance:

**I want to be confirmed because:**

- My friends are doing so as well — I don't want to be different.
- My parents told me I should — I had to agree.
- Its nice to have another celebration, a party and possibly get some gifts from relatives.
- I want to grow in my faith life and confirm my choice of being a Christian.
- Teachers and the parish priest suggested it to me.

### A My free choice

Being Confirmed is not just another step. It shouldn't be routine. Its got to be a choice.

**MY CHOICE.**

At **baptism** someone else made the choice for me. Now its **my turn** to agree and **confirm** that choice. I want to make it my decision. By receiving the **Sacrament of Confirmation** one agrees to become a **mature** and **adult** Christian and take on all the responsibilities that come with it.

### B Compare and Contrast

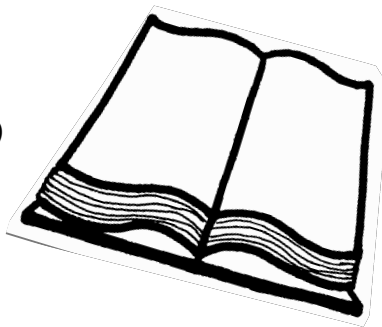
In the spaces below write about how do you think an adult's Christian life should be different from that of a child:

	CHILD	ADULT
Prayer		
Mass / Going to church		
Deciding on moral issues / what's right and wrong		
Taking part in church and other activities		

# C No more a child ...

When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and see things as a child does, and think like a child; but now that I have become an adult, I have finished with all childish ways.

(1 Corinthians 13:11)



## AND YOU ???

Have you finished with all your childish ways?  
Are you ready to grow up?

## THINK

Am I ready to live as an adult Christians?  
Am I mature enough to make my own decisions in matters of faith?  
Do I really want to move on? Make a commitment to Jesus the Lord?

**If YES ...**  
Read and sign this written commitment to show you understand and want to do this.

I \_\_\_\_\_ with the help and support of my family and parish community, promise to do my best to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation by committing to :

- Attend all sessions of this programme and show diligence towards learning more about the Catholic faith;
- Improve my relationship with Jesus through personal prayer and regular attendance of the Sunday Mass;
- Engage in parish and community service in a spirit of serving others.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# D My Expectations

Why have you joined this group? Why do you want to follow this programme?

What do you expect from this?

Write your prayer to God, asking him to be with you in whatever lies ahead.

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