

9 I want to be part of this.

ARE YOU READY TO DECIDE ?

A So far

So far in this programme we have thought about some aspects of what it means to be Confirmed, following Christ as an adult Christian, the Holy Spirit and his gifts. Do you feel you have had enough time to think about what it all means to you? In today's session we discuss some other aspects of this sacrament. If you feel you want to be part of this there is a short task for you at the end

Think about the sessions we have had so far. What are the 3 things that struck you most so far in this programme or you think are most important about Confirmation.

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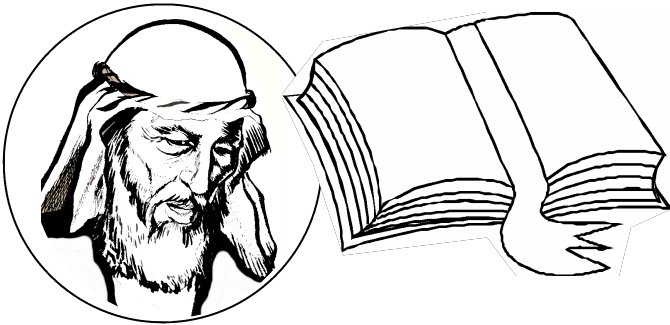
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B Following and Witnessing

The word **WITNESSING** is often associated with court and jury trials. This is because someone who witnessed something can give **evidence**. They can tell what happened and how, in what way, what was said, who was involved. They can say "I was there!"

Have you ever witnessed anything that you still remember? Something that you think you will never forget?

Very often when we witness something important it changes our life in some way. One of the first people who spoke about **Witnessing** to Jesus was **St Peter**, just after he had received the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday. This is what he said to the crowd:



Men of Israel, listen. Jesus of Nazareth was a man commended to you by God. This man, you took and had crucified. You killed him, but God raised him to life, and all of us are witnesses to that.

Acts 3

As a result of being a witness to all this, Peter's life changed. And how! He left everything to be able to preach to everyone the good news of Jesus. He travelled to other towns to give his witness. After a few years he witnessed by giving up his life for the love of Jesus when he was martyred in Rome.

C And me? How can I be a Witness to Him?

How and where can I be a witness to Christ in today's world?

D TASK

Having come so far in this Confirmation programme you are now in a position to understand much better if you really want to **FOLLOW** Jesus in your adult life and be his **WITNESS**.

If you feel you are ready and you want to go ahead, there is a small task for you ...

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Write a letter addressed to your parish priest about your wish to be Confirmed as an adult Christian in the parish. You can write about the reasons why you wish to take this step and what it means to you. You could also write about what have you done so far in your preparation towards receiving this sacrament ... whether you have prayed about all this and so on. You may also wish to write about any service you may wish to offer or a task you would like to help with as an adult Christian in the parish community.

