

St. Augustine School
8th Grade Religion Summer Assignment ~ Mrs. Kennon



Please type your responses to the questions on this page (see both sides). You will then turn your paper in on Monday, September 12th. Be sure to include your name and your homeroom on your paper to receive credit for the assignment. This will count as a “homework” grade in Religion for the first quarter of the new school year.

Part I. Read the following Bible verses, copy and paste them into your report document. <https://www.biblegateway.com/> (a great site to use for this and then use the NLT version.) Then reflect on how the Bible verses relate to the sacraments. Based on what you read and your own personal experiences, answer the question that follows.

- **Baptism**: John 15:1-11 (“I am the vine, you are the branches”)
- **Confirmation**: Luke 4:16-22 (Jesus proclaims, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me . . .”)
- **Eucharist**: John 6:1-15 (The multiplication of the loaves)
- **Penance and Reconciliation**: Matthew 25:31-36 (The sheep and the goats)
- **Anointing of the Sick**: Mark 2:1-12 (The healing of the paralytic)
- **Matrimony**: Matthew 5:13-16 (You are the light of the world) (Alternate possibility: Matthew 22:35-40 [The greatest Commandment])
- **Holy Orders**: John 21:15-17 (“Feed my lambs”)

What do the Sacraments call us to do?

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Part II: Read the following information from the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC). The section of the Catechism is noted in brackets. Then please respond to the seven questions that follow.

- “By the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit” (CCC, no. 1285).
- Confirmation enriches the baptized with the strength of the Holy Spirit so that they can better witness to Christ in word and deed (CCC, no. 1285). Anointed by the Holy Spirit at Confirmation, Christians strengthen their bond with the Church and become better equipped to carry out the Church’s mission of love and service.

1. What “jumped out at you” from the passages you read?
2. What does it mean to be *part of the Body of Christ*?
3. What benefits, and what responsibilities, does membership in this community entail?
4. At Confirmation, we are sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. What do you see in yourself that the Spirit is calling out?
5. How are you called to use those gifts to benefit others?
6. How do the lives of the saints inspire you to “give off the aroma of Christ”?
7. The Sacrament of Confirmation is an opportunity to reflect on the mission of love and service that God intends for each of our lives. How does what you have learned help you inform your thinking about who are you called to be, what have you been called to do with your life, or what you feel you are called to do in the future?
8. What is the mission of the Church?
 - What is your role in carrying it out?
 - To what are you “com-missioned”?
9. The bishop (or his delegate) has “confirmed” your Baptism. How can you join your efforts to those of your bishop to participate in the Church’s mission on behalf of those who are vulnerable?

Blessings for a wonderful summer!
Mrs. Kennon