



Candidate and Sponsor CONVERSATION #3 COMMUNITY and SACRAMENTS

St. Albert the Great Confirmation Preparation

Through this series of three encounters, our hope is that sponsors and candidates will enter into a deeper mentor/mentee relationship with each other, with a focus on spiritual growth. This is the third of three encounters.

Before we dive into Scripture, please **open in prayer**, and then spend a few minutes “breaking the ice” with each other.

ICE BREAKER

Take some time to discuss the following questions.

1. **What is your favorite thing to do with your friends?** Describe. Share a funny or endearing story you have experienced with your friends.

2. **Where do you feel most like part of a community?** (ex. your class at school, a sports team, your family, church group, etc.) **What traits make this group a true community?**

3. **How has your 30-day Walk with Jesus been going (last month’s challenge)?** Please share any insights/ thoughts.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Read the following passage two times & reflect: **Acts 2:42-47** (*The Communal Life of Believers*)
Look it up in a Bible or online [HERE](#) then discuss the following question.

- What word, phrase, symbol, or image catches your attention the most in this passage? Why?

*“They devoted themselves to the **teaching of the apostles** and to the **communal life**, to the **breaking of the bread** and to the **prayers.**” Acts 2:42*

This entire passage discusses what life was like for the first community of believers. Their life was fortified in the “teaching of the apostles”, the “breaking in the bread” and “prayers” and lived out in the manner in which they cared for one another in the “communal life”. Through the celebration of our Sacraments (including Mass) and through the living out of our own faith in everyday life, we follow in the footsteps of the first community of believers.

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SHARING: Please discuss the following questions based on the Scripture passage.

1. *As Catholics, we define a Sacrament as an outward sign of an inward grace, given to us through Jesus Christ. In our Baptism, the outward signs of water, light (from our candle), a white garment, and holy oil, signify the inward grace of becoming children of God.*
 - a. **How has your Baptism shaped your life?**
 - b. What does it mean to you and to your life that you are a baptized Catholic believer, a child of God, called to be the light of the world?

2. St. Pope John Paul II said, ***“From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life and zeal to share that life with others.”***
 - a. **Please share with each other your experience with participating in Mass.**
 - b. *What parts of Mass/ particular experience with Mass give/gave you the “strength to live the Christian life”? Describe.*
 - c. If either of you are not currently participating weekly in Sunday Mass, how can you encourage each other to do so? (Even virtually is fine until the pandemic ends!)

3. As Catholics, we are asked to be good stewards of the gifts God has given to us by sharing our time, talent and treasure with others, for the good of the community.
 - a. **How do you share the gifts God has given to you?**
 - b. How do you take care of those in your community, especially those who are in need?
 - c. Candidates, how did you share your God-given gifts through your service hours?
 - d. Which Saint did each of you choose for Confirmation and why? How did your Saint share his or her gifts with the world?

4. **What relationships in your life bring you closer to God?**
 - a. How do you encourage others to grow closer to God?
 - b. Are you involved in a faith community similar to the first community of believers? If not, are there opportunities in your parish where you can become involved?

5. Spend a few minutes watching this video and share any final thoughts about what Confirmation means to you both: <https://youtu.be/OrCUkEmCf8>

CLOSING PRAYER

Close your time together with a prayer. What prayer requests do you each have? Close with a spontaneous prayer and/or an Our Father.

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