CONFIRMATION - Supplemental Materials

AVE MARIA – “Send Out Your Spirit” © 2003
This textbook series was found to be conformity with the Catechism (as approved by the Ad Hoc Committee to Oversee the Use of the Catechism, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops). However, the series were not highly recommended for use in our diocese (see explanations below).

This is a single book designed for the senior high Confirmation candidate. It is 251 pages in length and covers 10 topics: Belonging, God, Jesus Christ, Scripture, Church, Morality, Social Justice, Liturgy and Sacraments, Holy Spirit and Confirmation, and Christian Vocation.

Most of the chapters are designed towards teaching the basics of our faith and the four pillars of the Catechism, not towards immediate catechetical prep for Confirmation. The text may seem redundant to the students since they covered the four pillars of the catechism in their years of senior high religious education. Therefore it is not highly recommended.

Some material, especially in the last few chapters, may be helpful to DRE’s and Catechists.

LOYOLA - Christ our Life “Confirmed in the Spirit” © 1997
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This is a single text designed for Confirmation preparation and cover eight topics: Holy Spirit, Discipleship, Faith, Love, Holiness, Church, Grace, and Witness. Some areas of our guidelines for immediate catechetical prep are not covered.

This text covers the guidelines for Confirmation pretty well. However, this text is intended for use with students being confirmed in junior high and is not very age appropriate.

Since the book is geared toward immediate preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, DRES and Catechists may find the outline of the book and some content to be helpful in planning out their program.

YMCentral - Confirmation Curriculum
This is a Confirmation curriculum available to purchase and download from the Internet (www.ymcentral.com). It comes with a Leader’s Guide, a Full Weekend Retreat, and a six-unit curriculum. Units include: God’s Plan of Salvation, Developing a Relationship with Jesus, Christian Living, Deepening our Relationship with God, the Cost of Discipleship, and Catholic Distinctives. It is fully referenced to the Catechism of the Catholic Church and is loaded with Scripture passages. It passes on traditional Catholic devotions and prayers. It “recognizes and supports the efforts of your diocesan guidelines and builds upon them.” This could be used as a good supplement to your immediate Confirmation preparation materials.