Preparing with _____for the Sacrament of Confirmation

"The Sacraments deepen our FRIENDSHIP with GOD, through JESUS, making us HOLY, TRUE and FREE"

To help us to continue to be holy, true and free God offers us another gift. That gift is the sacrament of Confirmation.

If we respond positively to God's invitation to accept Confirmation, the gift we accept is the gift of God's confidence.

Imagine that!

God has confidence in us!

God trusts us to be his presence in the world!

God has boundless confidence in us. He gifts us with his Spirit to live and breathe in our lives.

Accepting the Gift of Confirmation

How do we accept the gift of Confirmation in our Lives?

To accept the gift of Confirmation, we need to understand the gift we are invited to receive. Before Jesus died, he wanted to reassure the Apostles of God's constant presence in their work of building up God's Kingdom. He had confidence in them and told them he would ask his Father in heaven to send his Holy Spirit to be their helper and guide.

Here are some of the things Jesus said about the Holy Spirit.

"The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. (Jn 14:26)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

"For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say." (Luke 12:12)

The HOLY SPIRIT helps us to live HOLY, TRUE and FREE!

The Apostles accepted the Gift of the Holy Spirit in their Lives

On the day of Confirmation your child will renew their baptismal promises, made by you for them on the day of their baptism. One of these is about the Holy Spirit.

The Bishop or Priest will ask the question,

"Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who came upon the Apostles at Pentecost and today is given to you sacramentally in Confirmation?

Your child will respond: "*I do.*"

Do you know the difference receiving the Holy Spirit made to the Apostles?

Before Pentecost they were locked away in a room terrified they too would be arrested and put to death like Jesus.

And then!

They heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven.

Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire.

These came to rest on the head of each of them.

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit,

And Peter stood up to speak. 'Let me tell you about Jesus,'

The HOLY SPIRIT helped the APOSTLES to live HOLY, TRUE and FREE!

I have CALLED YOU by your NAME-YOU are MINE

"For God allows parents to choose the name by which He Himself will call their child for all eternity." (Pope Francis)

Write the name of the child receiving the sacrament of Confirmation below.

Why did you choose that name for your child? Talk to them about how you made your decision.

Your child will be asked to choose a Confirmation name this year. They will probably have lots of suggestions. Why do they choose a new name at this time?

In The Bible we have lots of examples of people being given a new name by God when they take on a new role.

Abram, became Abraham Levi became Matthew Sarai became Sarah

Your child is taking on a new role in the Church now and the name they choose symbolises this. God has confidence in them to do something for him that no one else can do, as we all work together to build up God's Kingdom here on earth.