



# VIRTUAL DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION RETREAT

## Discussion Guide

Introduction and Opening Prayer: *John and Kelly / Sr. Ignatia* (One Video)



*"And they were filled with the Holy Spirit" Acts 2:4*

*"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth."*

Part 1: Why Should I Be Confirmed? *Fr. Ryan and Ava* (Two Videos)

### Why Should I Be Confirmed? *Fr. Ryan Pietrocarlo, C.S.C.*

1. Sponsor: Share what you remember about your Confirmation! (What was preparation like? Who was your Bishop? How did you celebrate? What saint did you choose?)
2. Father Ryan talked about the 3 main parts of the rite of the Sacrament of Confirmation. What are they?
3. In what 3 Sacraments is Sacred Chrism used? Why is this oil used only with these 3 Sacraments? How does the Sacrament of Confirmation affect your identity?
4. What is a missionary disciple? Do you see yourself as a missionary disciple now? Why or why not? How willing are you to be a missionary disciple, and in what ways can you be a missionary disciple to others?
5. Candidate: Why do YOU want to be confirmed?

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### Youth Witness: *Ava Mondok*

1. Ava reminds us that vocations are callings from God. Every day God calls us! In what ways does God call you each day, and how can you answer these callings to the full?
2. How do you see the Holy Spirit in your life in small or great ways?
3. Ava gives practical advice on how to discern God in your life. Reflecting on this advice, what would you say your talents are? Who are the best people in your life you should turn to for guidance? How can you be more open to God and better love/serve others like St. Therese?
4. What obstacles might there be that prevent you from living your vocation to the full?



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## Part 2: Prayer: Lectio Divina *Adam* (One Video)

### Lectio Divina: Acts 2:1-6

1. How was this experience for you? Was it easy or hard, and why?
2. What was the word/phrase that came to your mind, and why did it stand out to you?
3. Did you feel the presence of God in the fourth step?
4. Do you think you can use this type of prayer in your daily life? Why or why not?

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## Part 3: Living Your Life After Confirmation *Fr. Jose, Olivia, and many others!* (Three Videos)

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### Living Your Faith After Confirmation *Fr Jose Arroyo-Acevedo*

1. Sponsor: Share how you live your faith today, after Confirmation. How do you maintain a good relationship with God?
2. What gift or fruit of the Holy Spirit are you most looking forward to receiving and why?
3. How can you be more involved in your parish outside of Mass? Think of concrete ways! Look at your parish bulletin and calendar for help if need be!
4. What are your personal faith goals? What do you need to do each day to reach these goals? How can you strive to keep growing in holiness?
5. What does it look like to stand up for your faith on a day-to-day basis? What makes it hard to stand up for your faith?

### Youth Witness: *Olivia Warden*

1. Candidate: Share with your sponsor why you chose him/her? What about your sponsor's faith do you admire and hope to model?
2. Have you ever felt on fire for the faith? What was this experience like? Do you want to be bold in the faith?
3. Why is it important to have a community to help you on your faith journey?
4. Do you ever pray to the Holy Spirit as a friend? Why or why not?
5. Do you believe you are important to the Church as you are? Why or why not?

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**Concluding Video:** *Fort Wayne-South Bend Seminarians, Diocesan Youth Leadership, Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, and the Band of Men.*

*There is one more short video (3 min.) from Sister Regina about Mary, the spouse of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit's relationship to the Eucharist. You can find it on the bottom of the retreat webpage with additional resources including a guide for going to Confession and inspiring stories of young saints.*