100 Questions

Our bishop has a reputation for being "thorough" in interviewing candidates during the Confirmation Mass. Here are some optional discussion questions that each candidate may wish to work on throughout the year to make sure he/she has a thorough understanding about various aspects of Catholicism.

Parish Life

1. What is your confirmation name? Why did you pick it? When is the feast day?
2. What is the mass schedule at your parish?
3. List the times the Sacrament of Reconciliation is regularly offered at your parish.
4. List the names of five different parish groups and describe what they do in a sentence.
5. Name three laypersons employed by St. Clare Parish, and give their job title.
6. What day was our new church dedicated?
7. What percentage of income are adults supposed to tithe to the church each month?
8. If our parish has 1000 families, what is the average weekly tithe actually being collected per family?
9. What are the days of fasting for adults ages 18-58?
10. What are the days of abstinence for adults ages 14-58?
11. Other than Sundays, what are the five Holy Days of Obligation? When are they?
12. What does RCIA stand for? Who participates in it?
13. Who is our pastor? When and where was he ordained? Who ordained him?

Liturgy

14. What are the four main parts of the Mass?
15. Put these events from the Mass in sequential order.

Eucharistic Prayer	Our Father
1st Reading	Homily
Sign of Peace	Penitential Rite
Offertory	Gospel
Communion	Dismissal
Holy, Holy, Holy	Presidential Prayer

16. How should a person prepare for and receive Holy Communion?
17. What are four ways that Christ is present to us during Mass?
18. What is "the source and summit of all Christian life" as defined by Vatican Council II?
19. What is the Easter Triduum?

Sacraments

20. What are the requirements to be a godparent or sponsor for somebody being baptized or confirmed?
21. What are the responsibilities of baptism godparents? Of a sponsor?
22. What are the four main parts to the Sacrament of Reconciliation?
23. Give two other common names for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
24. What does the phrase "Seal of Confession" mean?

25. Through what sacraments can sins be forgiven?
26. Who can administer the Sacrament of Baptism?
27. List all Seven Sacraments.
28. What type of sacrament is each one? (Hint: Initiation-3, Healing-2, and Vocation-2)
29. Who are the ministers in the Sacrament of Matrimony?

Church Structure

30. Give the full name of the bishop in our diocese. What city does he live in?
31. What is the name of our diocesan newspaper? Name three regular articles found in the newspaper.
32. Who is the bishop of Rome?
33. What is the difference between a diocese and an archdiocese?
34. What is the difference between a bishop and an archbishop?
35. What is the difference between a bishop and a cardinal?
36. What is the difference between a bishop and a priest?
37. What is the difference between a priest and a monsignor?

Prayers and Practices

38. Name the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit
39. Name the twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit
40. Write the Our Father
41. Write the Hail Mary
42. Write the Glory Be
43. Write the Hail Holy Queen
44. Write all sixteen words used to make the Sign of the Cross
45. List the Ten Commandments
46. Write the Eight Beatitudes (See Mt 5)
47. List the Stations of the Cross
48. List the Five Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries (20 total)
49. Where do you find the letters "INRI"? What do they stand for?
50. What is your favorite song to sing at mass?

Scripture

51. What are the two "great commandments that contain the whole law of God?" (See Mk 12:28-31)
52. What are the two main parts of the Bible?
53. How many books are in the Old Testament? In the New Testament?
54. Who are the four Gospel writers?
55. Name five prophets
56. What are the three original languages used to write the various books in the Bible?
57. What letters do you look for on the side of a Bible to make sure it is a Catholic translation?

58-67. Identify these important Old Testament characters:

Adam & Eve Jacob David

Noah	Esau	Solomon
Abraham	Joseph	
Isaac	Moses	

Holy People

68. Put these holy people in order of their birth (with their year of birth):

St. Francis of Assisi	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
St. Thomas Moore	St. Maximillian Kolbe
St. Augustine of Hippo	St. Joan of Arc
St. Ignatius Loyola	Pope John Paul II
St. Jerome	Blessed Teresa of Calcutta
St. Clare of Assisi	Archbishop Oscar Romero
St. Nicholas	Joseph Cardinal Bernadin
St. John the Baptist	Dorothy Day
St. Therese of Lisieux	Blessed Padre Pio
St. Thomas Aquinas	St. Louis IX

Trivia

69. Name one national catholic newspaper. Name one catholic news website.
70. Give the name and address of one Christian bookstore in our area.
71. What does “B.C.” and “A.D.”, written after each year, mean?
72. What is the literal meaning of the word, “catholic”?
73. Name the twelve apostles.
74. Name the twelve tribes of Israel. (Hint: They were named after the twelve sons of Jacob.)
75. Name the seasons of the liturgical year, in order, beginning with Advent.
76. What color(s) is associated with each season?

History

77. What is an ecumenical council?
78. How many ecumenical councils have there been in the history of the Church?
79. What was the most recent one called? When was it?
80. Name one major change Vatican Council II brought to the church.
81. Who was the pope who convened Vatican Council II? Who closed it?
82. List the last five popes and the years of their papacy.
83. Who was the first pope?

Definitions

84. College of Cardinals
85. Deanery
86. Parish
87. Stewardship
88. Deacon
89. Layperson
90. Religious Sister / Brother
91. Pentateuch
92. Yahweh
93. Passover
94. The Exodus
95. Sabbath
96. Grace
97. Papal Encyclical
98. Paschal Candle
99. Rosary
100. Sacrament