

St. Mother Theodore Guerin Confirmation Paper **2026**

As Catholics preparing for Confirmation, it is important to understand the role of the Holy Spirit in the past before and during Jesus Christ's lifetime, and how the Spirit is alive in our own lives today.

Listed below are essay questions asking you to read about, understand and reflect on the Holy Spirit. ***You are required to answer all 4 essay questions.*** You will need to use a Bible, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, your mind and heart.

The entire project should be 4-5 typewritten pages and double-spaced. Please use font 12, Times New Roman and 1" margins. **The due date for this paper is Monday, August 10, 2026.**

Please submit your assignment to the St. Celestine Pastoral Center, attn: Ruthanne Swiatkowski, Director of Religious Education or email to rswiatkowski@stguerinparish.org

If you have any questions, please contact me.

It is hoped that through this project, you will come to know the Holy Spirit in a deeper way.

1. The Holy Spirit inspired the prophets of the Old Testament and prepared the Jewish people for the coming of Jesus. In the New Testament, the Holy Spirit was at work in the life of Jesus, those who believed in Him and those who became believers.
Please read the following Scripture passages from Luke: 1:5-19, 26-38, 39-45 and 2:25-35 and from Matthew 3:13-17. Summarize each of these passages and explain the role of the Holy Spirit.
2. Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church. **Read Acts 2:1-4.** Summarize this passage. Now imagine that you are in the same room as the Apostles. Describe what you have experienced and what the Holy Spirit is telling you to do. Why do you think it is considered the "birthday" of the Church?
3. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit, which you received at Baptism, help you to live a Christian life and are strengthened at Confirmation. These gifts help you keep your friendship with God strong and guide you in life's many situations. **Identify the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and give a specific example of how you plan to use these gifts in your life in relation to your family, friends and community.**
4. The Holy Spirit is mentioned many times during the Mass through prayers and songs recited and sung by the priest and the congregation. **List 4 prayers and/or songs that mention the Holy Spirit and explain what is being said about the Holy Spirit.**

