

# THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

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## Confirmation Registration 2021

at St. Michael's School, Burghclere RG20 9JW, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September 9:30am  
at Ss. Margaret & Leonard, Edinburgh EH8 9RD, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 11am

Please submit to a priest with copy of BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE if baptism was not in an SSPX chapel.

Full name of Candidate	
Date of birth	Date of baptism
Father's name	Father's religion
Mother's name	Mother's religion
Church of baptism address	
Home address	
Tel:	
Email:	
Confirmation name	
Conditional confirmation? NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/>	Confirmation place
Sponsor's name	

## WHAT YOU MUST KNOW TO BE CONFIRMED

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

- (1) I believe in God the Father Almighty Creator of Heaven and earth
- (2) And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
- (3) Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
- (4) Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
- (5) He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;
- (6) He ascended into Heaven, sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
- (7) From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
- (8) I believe in the Holy Ghost,
- (9) The Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints
- (10) The forgiveness of sins,
- (11) The resurrection of the body, and
- (12) life everlasting.

### OUR FATHER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

### HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,  
blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### GLORY BE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

### OTHER PRAYERS

#### Act of Faith

O my God, I firmly believe that Thou art one God in three Divine Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; I believe that Thy Divine Son became Man and died for our sins, and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because Thou hast revealed them, Who canst neither deceive nor be deceived.

#### Act of Hope

O my God, relying on Thy infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of Thy grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.

#### Act of Charity

O my God, I love Thee above all things, with my whole heart and soul because Thou art all good and worthy of all love. I love my neighbour as myself for the love of Thee. I forgive all who have injured me and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

## **Act of Contrition**

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of Hell, but most of all because they have offended Thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life. Amen.

## **The Confiteor**

I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, and to all the saints, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore, I beseech blessed Mary every Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, and all the saints, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

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## **THE TRINITY**

Are there three Persons in God?

There are three persons in God - God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

Are these three Persons three Gods?

These three Persons are not three Gods; the Father the Son, and the Holy Ghost are one and the same God.

What is the mystery of the three Persons in one God called?

The mystery of the three Persons in one God is called the mystery of the Blessed Trinity.

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## **JESUS CHRIST**

### ***Who is Jesus Christ?***

Jesus Christ is God the Son, made man for us.

### ***Is Jesus Christ truly God?***

Jesus Christ is truly God.

### ***Why is Jesus Christ truly God?***

Jesus Christ is truly God because He has one and the same nature with God the Father.

### ***Was Jesus Christ always God?***

Jesus Christ was always God, born of the Father from all eternity.

### ***Which Person of the Blessed Trinity is Jesus Christ?***

Jesus Christ is the second Person of the Blessed Trinity.

### ***Is Jesus Christ truly man?***

Jesus Christ is truly man.

### ***Why is Jesus Christ truly man?***

Jesus Christ is truly man because He has the nature of man, having a body and a soul like ours.

### ***Was Jesus Christ always man?***

Jesus Christ was not always man; He has been man only from the time of His incarnation.

### ***What do you mean by Incarnation?***

I mean by the Incarnation that God the Son took to Himself the nature of man: "the Word was made flesh" (John i. 14).

**How many natures are there in Jesus Christ?**

There are two natures in Jesus Christ - the nature of God and the nature of man.

**What are the chief sufferings of our Lord called?**

The chief sufferings of our Lord are called the Passion of Jesus Christ.

**Why did our Saviour suffer?**

Our Saviour suffered to atone for our sins, and to purchase for us eternal life.

**Why is Jesus Christ called our Redeemer?**

Jesus Christ is called our Redeemer because His precious blood is the price by which we were ransomed.

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**I. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

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1. I am the Lord thy God, thou shalt not have strange gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
3. Remember thou keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honour thy father and thy mother.
5. Thou shalt not kill.
6. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
7. Thou shalt not steal.
8. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
9. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's goods.

**Six Precepts of the Church**

1. To assist at Holy Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
2. To fast and abstain on the days appointed.
3. To confess our sins at least once a year.
4. To receive Holy Communion during Easter time.
5. To contribute to the support of the Church.
6. To observe the laws of the Church concerning marriage.

**Holy Days of Obligation in England & Wales**

1. Christmas Day, 25 December
2. Ascension Thursday
3. Assumption of Our Lady, 15 August
4. All Saints' Day, 1 November

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**THE SACRAMENTS**

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**What is Baptism?**

Baptism is a sacrament which cleanses us from original sin, makes us Christians, children of God, and members of the Church.

**What is the sacrament of penance?**

Penance is a sacrament whereby the sins, whether mortal or venial, which we have committed after Baptism are forgiven.

**What is the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist?**

The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist is the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, together with His Soul and Divinity, under the appearances of bread and wine.

**What is the sacrament of Holy Order?**

Holy Order is the sacrament by which bishops, priests, and other ministers of the Church are ordained and receive power and grace to perform their sacred duties.

**What is the sacrament of Matrimony?**

Matrimony is a sacrament which sanctifies the contract of Christian marriage, and gives a special grace to those who receive it worthily.

**What is the sacrament of Extreme Unction?**

The sacrament of extreme Unction is the anointing of the sick with holy oil, accompanied with prayer.

**CONFIRMATION****What is Confirmation?**

Confirmation is a sacrament by which we receive the Holy Ghost, in order to make us strong and perfect Christians and soldiers of Jesus Christ.

**What are the words used in Confirmation?**

The words used in Confirmation are these: "I sign thee with the sign of the cross, and I confirm thee with the chrism of salvation; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

**Which are the seven gifts of the Holy Ghost?**

1. Wisdom.
2. Understanding.
3. Counsel.
4. Fortitude.
5. Knowledge.
6. Piety.
7. The fear of the Lord.

**Explain the purpose of the various Gifts of the Holy Ghost.**

1. **Wisdom** gives us a relish for the things of God and directs our whole life and all our actions to His honour and glory.
2. **Understanding** enables us to know more clearly the mysteries of faith.
3. **Counsel** warns us of the deceits of the devil and of the dangers to salvation.
4. **Fortitude** strengthens us to do the will of God in all things.
5. **Knowledge** enables us to discover the will of God in all things.
6. **Piety** makes us love God as a Father and obey Him because we love Him.
7. **Fear of the Lord** fills us with a dread of sin.

**What are the effects of Confirmation?**

*The Principal Effects of Confirmation are:*

1. An increase of sanctifying grace received in Baptism.
2. The strengthening of our faith.
3. The Gifts of the Holy Ghost.
4. An indelible mark imprinted on our souls.

# The Effects of Confirmation (extract from the Catechism of the Council of Trent)

*Pastors, therefore, should teach that, in common with the other Sacraments, Confirmation, unless some obstacle be present on the part of the receiver, imparts new grace. For we have shown that these sacred and mystical signs are of such a character as to indicate and produce grace.*

## **The Grace of Strength**

But besides these things, which are common to this and the other (Sacraments), it is peculiar to Confirmation first **to perfect the grace of Baptism**. For those who have been made Christians by Baptism, still have in some sort the tenderness and softness, as it were, of new-born infants, and afterwards become, by means of the Sacrament of chrism, stronger **to resist all the assaults of the world, the flesh and the devil, while their minds are fully confirmed in faith to confess and glorify the name of our Lord Jesus Christ**. Hence; also, originated the very name (Confirmation), as no one will doubt. For the word Confirmation is not derived, as some not less ignorantly than impiously have pretended, from the circumstance that persons baptised in infancy, when arrived at mature years, were of old brought to the Bishop, in order to confirm their faith in Christ, which they had embraced in Baptism, so that Confirmation would seem not to differ from catechetical instruction. Of such a practice no reliable testimony can be adduced. On the contrary, the name has been derived from the fact that by virtue of this Sacrament God confirms in us the work He commenced in Baptism, leading us to the perfection of solid Christian virtue.

## **Increase in Grace**

But not only does it confirm, it also increases (divine grace), as says Melchisedech: The Holy Ghost, whose salutary descent upon the waters of Baptism, imparts in the font fullness to the accomplishment of innocence, in Confirmation gives an increase of grace; and not only an increase, but an increase after a wonderful manner. This the Scriptures beautifully express by a metaphor taken from clothing: Stay you in the city, said our Lord and Saviour, speaking of this Sacrament, until you be clothed with power from on high.

If pastors wish to show the divine efficacy of this Sacrament -- and this, no doubt, will have great influence in affecting the minds of the faithful -- it will be sufficient if they explain what occurred to the Apostles themselves. So weak and timid were they before, and even at the very time of the Passion, that no sooner was our Lord apprehended, than they instantly fled; and Peter, who had been designated the rock and foundation of the Church, and who had displayed unshaken constancy and exalted magnanimity, terrified at the voice of one weak woman, denied, not once nor twice only, but a third time, that he was a disciple of Jesus Christ; and after the Resurrection they all remained shut up at home for fear of the Jews. But, on the day of Pentecost, so great was the power of the Holy Ghost with which they were all filled that, while they boldly and freely disseminated the Gospel confided to them, not only through Judea, but throughout the world, they thought no greater happiness could await them than that of being accounted worthy to suffer contumely, chains, torments and crucifixion, for the name of Christ.

## **Character of Soldier Of Christ**

Confirmation has also the effect of impressing a character. Hence, as we before said of Baptism, and as will be more fully explained in its proper place with regard to the Sacrament of Orders also, it can on no account ever be repeated.

*If, then, these things be frequently and accurately explained by pastors, it will be almost impossible that the faithful, having known the utility and dignity of this Sacrament, should not use every exertion to receive it with purity and devotion.*