

Proximate Preparation for Confirmation (3rd-6th Grade)

Essentials Concepts Assessment Checklist

The Essential Concepts Assessment Checklist can be used to assess catechetical formation of students preparing to enter immediate sacramental preparation for Confirmation.

Essential Concept Questions

Creed	1	What is God's plan? How do we know?	
	2	What is the "image of God?"	
	3	What is the greatest commandment?	
	4	What is the significance of the Creed?	
	5	When will we see God?	
	6	Through whom does God speak?	

7	Why was Jesus born?	
8	What is the Church?	
8	How did the Church begin?	
10	What happens at death?	
11	What is God like?	
12	How does God save his people?	

Pre- and Post- Assessment Questions

Creed	1	How is our faith a gift from God that is revealed throughout our lives and all history?	
	2	What is a covenant? How is a covenant a relationship with God expressed in the Creed?	
	3	What is Salvation History?	
	4	Through examples, explain how God saves his people in the stories of the Old Testament?	
	5	How is the theme of the Old Testament connected to Jesus' life and message in the New Testament?	
	6	How does our image of God change from the Old Testament to the New Testament?	
	7	What are the familiar prayers of the Old Testament?	
	8	Name a saint and explain how this saint exhibits one or more virtues.	
	9	What are the qualities and virtues of Mary and the saints that are evident in the Old Testament heroes?	
	10	Identify priest, prophet and king leaders in the Old Testament and associate them with lay ministries today.	
	11	Describe the story of Pentecost. Why is this day important in the life of the Church?	
	12	What are the characteristics of the Church as the "People of God?"	
	13	Name the hierarchy of the Church?	
	14	Choose a title of Mary and explain why it is special.	
	15	How are we called to respect others religious beliefs?	
	16	How can a Christian be a prophet in today's society and fully live as a steward of God's gifts?	

Essential Concept Questions

Sacraments	1	How do the sacraments help us to live good lives and die a good death?	
	2	What is the law of Love?	
	3	How are all of God's people uniquely called to build the Kingdom of God?	

Pre- and Post- Assessment Questions

Sacraments	1	What are the sacraments and how do they strengthen us for a life of faith?	
	2	What are the Sacraments of Initiation and how do they welcome us into the faith?	
	3	What are the Sacraments of Healing and how do they help heal us?	
	4	What are the Sacraments in Service of Communion?	
	5	What are the symbols and sacramentals associated with each of the sacraments?	
	6	What is the significant about the Holy Eucharist?	
	7	How are the themes of the Last Supper and the Eucharist connected to the sacrifices of Abraham, Melchisedek, and Moses?	
	8	What are the central parts of the Mass and how are they rooted in the Old Testament?	
	9	How is the Lamb of God theme, from the Passover story, in Exodus, connected to the Last Supper and the Eucharist ?	
	10	Who leads the Liturgical Celebration of the Mass?	
	11	Explain how ordained and married persons are called to proclaim, serve and witness.	

Essential Concept Questions

Morality	1	What does God call us to do?	
	2	What does it mean to value life?	
	3	What is the law of Love?	
	4	What is my vocation? What is a missionary disciple?	

Pre- and Post- Assessment Questions

Morality	1	Give a moral situation that demonstrates a Beatitude.	
	2	How do we examine our conscience?	
	3	What are the different types of sin and how do we distinguish one from the other?	
	4	How do the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes help us achieve happiness through the grace of God?	
	5	What is the difference between the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit?	
	6	Give a lived example of a Cardinal Virtue and a Theological Virtue.	
	7	How do the Precepts of the Church help us to grow in our faith?	
	8	How is natural law similar to Jesus' central message?	

Essential Concept Questions

Prayer	1	Why do we praise?	
	2	Why do we listen to God's word?	

Pre- and Post- Assessment Questions

Prayer	1	How does prayer help us live holy lives?	
	2	What are the seven petitions of the Our Father?	
	3	How can you use the psalms and canticles in daily prayers?	
	4	What are the different forms of prayer?	
	5	What is your favorite prayer or method? How does this tradition of prayer help you?	

Prayers

Assessment Checklist (1st - 6th Grade)

1	The Sign of the Cross	
2	Our Father	
3	Glory Be	
4	Hail Mary	
5	Morning Offering	
6	Act of Contrition	
7	Come, Holy Spirit	
8	Apostles Creed / Nicene Creed	
9	Memorare	
10	Act of Faith, Hope, and Love	
11	Mysteries of the Rosary	
12	Jesus Prayer	
13	Prayer of the Faithful Departed	
14	Prayer of St. Francis (for peace)	
15	Vocation Prayer	

Vocabulary

Assessment Checklist (3rd - 6th Grade)

1	Abraham	
2	Absolution	
3	Apostolic Tradition	
4	Archdiocese / Diocese	
5	Beatitudes	
6	Blessing, Adoration, Petition	
7	Body of Christ	
8	Canon of Scripture	
9	Cardinal and Theological Virtues	
10	Catholic Social Teachings	
12	Charism	
12	Chastity	
13	Church Year / Liturgical Year	
14	Communal Prayer	
15	Communion of Saints, Saint, Patron Saint	
16	Contrition	
17	Corporal Works of Mercy	
18	Covenant	
19	Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier	
20	Creed	
21	Cycle of Readings/ Lectionary	
22	Decalogue—Ten Commandments	
23	Ecumenism	
24	Examination of Conscience	
25	Faith	

26	Feast	
27	Free Will	
28	Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit	
29	Grace	
30	Hierarchy—Magisterium	
31	Holy Days	
32	Human Dignity	
33	Image and Likeness of God	
34	Immaculate Conception	
35	Incarnation	
36	Initiation	
37	Intercession, Thanksgiving, Praise	
38	Kingdom of God	
39	Lectio Divina	
40	Liturgy of the Eucharist	
41	Liturgy of the Word	
42	Magnificat	
43	Mary, the first disciple	
44	Mercy	
45	Messiah / Redeemer	
46	Mission of the Church	
47	Moral Decision Making	
48	Moral Good	
49	Moses	
50	Mysteries of the Rosary	

Vocabulary Cont.

51	Natural Law	
52	New Covenant	
53	Old Testament	
54	Parts of the Mass	
55	Passover - Lamb of God	
56	Penance	
57	People of God	
58	Personal / Social Sin	
59	Prayer	
60	Precepts of the Church	
61	Priest, Prophet, King	
62	Psalms	
63	Revelation	
64	Rite of Initiation	
65	Sabbath	
66	Sacramentals	
67	Sacraments	

68	Sacred Scripture - Word of God	
69	Sanctifying Grace	
70	Service	
71	Seven Petitions of the Our Father	
72	Sin - Original, Mortal, Venial	
73	Sorrow	
74	Soul	
75	Spiritual Works of Mercy	
76	Steward - Stewardship	
77	Temple of the Holy Spirit	
78	Time, Talent, Treasure	
79	Transubstantiation / Real Presence	
80	Trinity: Father, Son, Holy Spirit	
81	Triune God	
82	Virtue	
83	Vocation	
84	Works of Mercy	