

It's NOT Graduation

SYNOPSIS

The general conception that Confirmation is “graduation” is challenged in this film using some interesting comparisons.

SUGGESTED USES FOR THIS VIDEO

- † At any point in a Confirmation program, this film will help you address the misconception that Confirmation is a graduation of sorts. Use it with both your teens AND their parents. Your youth got that idea from somewhere, right?

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How do people generally treat Confirmation?
2. How does this film apply to the common attitude toward Confirmation?
3. What is your attitude toward Confirmation?
4. What are your plans after Confirmation?
5. If you don't have any, how will you share the gift of the Holy Spirit with the world around you?
6. Do you think it's important to use this gift? Why or why not?
7. As a group, brainstorm a list of ways you can live out your Confirmation. Break that list down into personal/private ways and public ways.
8. Take a minute or two and choose at least one from each list and commit to those two ways of living out your Confirmation.
9. Is there anything keeping you from doing this? If so, what is it and how can you overcome that obstacle?
10. Reflect on this quote from the end of the film:
“What does it mean to receive the ‘seal’ of the Holy Spirit? It means being indelibly marked, inalterably changed, a new creation. For those who have received this gift, nothing can ever be the same!” –Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
11. What does “indelibly” marked mean?
 (To be marked in a way that is impossible to erase.)
12. What does “inalterably” changed mean?
 (To be changed in a way that is impossible to modify.)
13. Would Pope Benedict use these words to describe the seal you receive at Confirmation if it were simply a “graduation” from Church?
14. How does the Pope's quote help you to see the importance of Confirmation?

RELATED SCRIPTURE PASSAGES:

The Holy Spirit:
 Ezekiel 36:26-27;
 John 14:26; 16:13;
 Acts 1:8;
 Romans 8:26;
 Galatians 5:22-23;
 1 Corinthians 6:19;
 2 Corinthians 3:17

RELATED CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH REFERENCES:

The Effects of Confirmation:
 1302-1305

The Effect of the Holy Spirit in Us:
 683-684, 687

How We Know the Holy Spirit:
 688

RELATED YOUCAT REFERENCES:

Confirmation:
 203-206

Holy Spirit's Role:
 119-120