Your Name:

**Confirmation Session Three: The Church**

Unit 1: The Church is the community founded by Christ. He guides Her (the Church) today, through the Holy Spirit, and the Church is our living link to Jesus.

1. What did Jesus leave behind when He ascended into Heaven? (5 - 20 Words)
2. What is a Bishop and why do Bishops matter? (20 - 50 Words)
3. Which Scripture passages teach the following? (Put an ‘X’ in all the boxes that apply)

|  | Matt. 28.18-20 | John 16.12-13 | Acts 1.7-8 |
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| Jesus will never leave His Church |  |  |  |
| The Holy Spirit guides the Church |  |  |  |
| The Apostles are given the job of handing on Jesus’ commandments? |  |  |  |
| The Holy Spirit will guide the Apostles into the Truth? |  |  |  |
| The mission of the Apostles and the Church is to help others to become disciples (students) of Jesus Christ? |  |  |  |

1. Do these promises still apply to the Catholic Church today? (Yes/No)

Unit 2: All that we know of Jesus Christ and His teaching comes to us through the Church. The Church hands down the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Scripture and Tradition.

*After watching the video, discuss with your parent(s)/guardian(s) what is meant by Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition*

1. In your own words explain what is meant by Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. (20 - 50 Words)
2. What is the ‘owner’s manual to your life’ and where does it come from? What should I do to get the most from it? (20 - 30 Words)

Unit 3: Since Jesus remains with His Church always, and guides Her into all truth through the Holy Spirit, when the Catholic Church teaches on matters of faith and morality, She is prevented, by God, from teaching error.

1. Which of the following is a good definition of ‘Papal Infallibility’? (Put an ‘X’ next to the correct answer)

|  | Correct Definition |
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| It means that the Pope is above criticism |  |
| It means the Pope can predict the future |  |
| It means the Pope is *Omniscient* (all knowing) |  |
| It means the Pope is prevented from making mistakes about doctrines or moral precepts when he teaches authoritatively  |  |
| It means the Pope is immune from making bad practical judgements |  |
| It means the Pope does not sin |  |

1. What is the problem of when we see the Bible alone as a source of authority? (10 - 30 words)

Questions for Reflection

*You do not need to write any answers here to the following questions (although you may if you wish). You should, though, reflect for a few minutes with your parent(s) / guardian(s) on your answer and theirs to the following questions. You will be asked to say something about these in your small groups*

What does it mean to me to belong to the Catholic Church?

What does the Pope mean for me?

How does the gift of infallibility, given to the Church, help me in my life of faith?