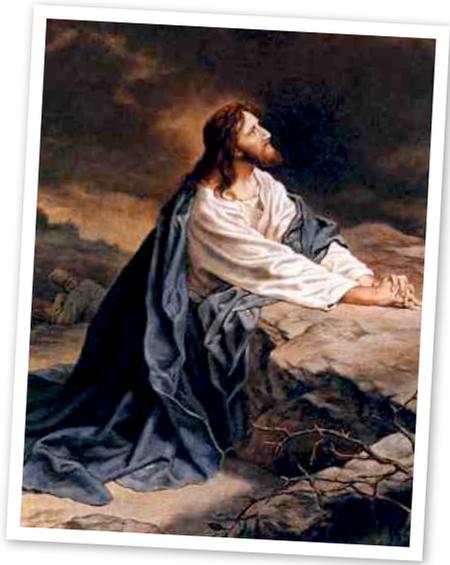


Prayer

the third sponsor meeting

Scripture

Read together Matthew 6:5-8



When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites! They love to stand up and pray in the houses of worship and on the street corners, so that everyone will see them. I assure you, they have already been paid in full. But when you pray, go to your room, close the door, and pray to your Father, who is unseen. And your Father, who sees what you do in private, will reward you. When you pray, do not use a lot of meaningless words, as the pagans do, who think that God will hear them because their prayers are long. Do not be like them. Your Father already knows what you need before you ask Him.

Commentary

The purpose of this interview is to discuss the practice of private prayer. It is also to be assured that the candidate is faithful to Sunday Mass at this stage in the Confirmation process. Both sponsor and candidate really should be attending Mass weekly. If the candidate is not, it calls into question the decision to be confirmed more fully into the Christian community. If you have any difficulty in this matter you could discuss it with the Director of the Confirmation program or the parish priest.

Discussion

Both candidate and sponsor need to answer these questions. Discuss your responses.

- FORM: My favorite form of prayer is:
- PLACE: The place I like to pray is:
- FREQUENCY: I pray _____ per day/ _____ per week/ _____ per month
- DIFFICULTY: My major difficulty in praying is:
- PUBLICLY: I attend Mass how often?

What I find most difficult at Mass is:

What I find most helpful at Mass is: