

Memorandum

To: Pastors, DREs, Principals, and Confirmation Teachers
From: Ann Pinckney, Director of Office of Faith Formation
Date: April 10, 2014
Subject: Confirmation Textbooks

Bishop Hartmayer has approved the following as texts for immediate preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation beginning the academic year 2014-15, for a five year period. A committee comprised of parish and school catechetical leaders (Sr. Georgette Cunniff, MFIC, Our Lady of Lourdes, Port Wentworth; Corina Florez, Sacred Heart, Vidalia; Tammy Flippo, St. Anne, Columbus; Mary Pangborn, St. Patrick, Kathleen; Janee Przbyl, Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Savannah; Catherine Richie, Blessed Sacrament School, Savannah; Debbie Rogers, St. Teresa of Avila, Grovetown; Chris Osgood, Diocesan Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry; Kimberly Capracotta, Assistant to Director of Faith Formation and myself) reviewed several different textbooks for *immediate preparation* for Confirmation. The following five are the selected texts for use in the diocese for the next 5-year period. We considered content, relatedness to the initiation process, age appropriateness and support materials for catechists, program directors, parents and sponsors. All, but one, are bilingual. All have been found in conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church. They are listed highest to lowest rating by the committee.

Loyola Press Sacramental Preparation: *Confirmed in the Spirit*, 2014, Loyola Press
 Imprimatur: Rev. Msgr. John F. Canary, Vicar General, Archdiocese of Chicago

- English and Spanish available for all content
- Director Guide includes parent/sponsor meetings, retreat, activities, plus more.
- Catechist Guide includes catechetical models, Blackline Masters, etc.
- Student Book composed of 8 chapters encourages faith, witness and discipleship; includes prayers and practices. Plus two additional optional chapters.
- Journal
- Sponsor and Candidate Magazine for conversations
- Electronic/Online additional resources available, including a resource DVD

Our Sunday Visitor: *Call to Celebrate Confirmation*, 2011, Our Sunday Visitor

Nihil Obstat: Fr. Esaú Garcia, Censor Librorum

Imprimatur: Most Rev. Thomas Wenski, Bishop of Orlando

- English and Spanish available for all materials
- Source Book (director's manual) includes formation, parent sessions, retreats, intergenerational/whole community components, etc.
- Catechist Guide with activity masters
- Student Book with 8 sessions
- Sponsor and Mentor Handbook
- Website resources for DRE's, catechists, parents and candidates
- Additional electronic and print materials to enhance lessons
- Separate components for younger and older adolescents



Sadlier Sacrament Program: *Inspired by the Spirit Confirmation*, 2012, William H. Sadlier, Inc.
Nihil Obstat: Msgr. Michael F. Hull, S.T.D.

Imprimatur: Most Rev. Dennis J. Sullivan, D.D., Vicar General, Archdiocese of New York

- English & Bilingual-Spanish/English
- Director's Guide includes planning, core concepts, prayer and parish sessions, retreat, etc.
- Catechist's Guide includes reflection on the initiation process, catechetical tips, retreat outline
- Candidate Book-6 sessions includes summary of Catholic beliefs and prayers, Confirmation Q&A, guide for choosing a Sponsor
- On line components for candidates, families/sponsors, catechists/directors
- Appropriate for junior and high school

Saint Mary's Press *Anointed in the Spirit*, 2010, Saint Mary's Press

Nihil Obstat: Rev. William M. Becker, STD, Censor Librorum

Imprimatur: Most Rev. John M. Quinn, DD, Bishop of Winona

- Sponsor available in English or Spanish; corresponds with candidate book
- Director's guide includes overview, getting started, catechist training and orientation guides, retreat
- Catechist guide includes lesson plan guides, prayers and activities
- Candidate book with 10 learning sessions, including two sessions of mystagogy, includes prayers, beliefs, list of saints
- Includes a sponsor booklet
- Online training webinars available
- High and middle school components

(Appropriate but lowest in rating among approved texts.)

RCL-Benziger Sacraments: *Confirmation: Filled with the Holy Spirit, they proclaimed the Lord Jesus*, 2007, RCL-Resources for Christian Living

Nihil Obstat: Rev. Msgr. Robert Coerver

Imprimatur: Most Rev. Charles V. Grahmann, Bishop of Dallas

- Program Director's Manual includes prayer and retreat sessions, reproducible pages for parents and parish assembly, plus more.
- Catechist Guide helps customize sessions for age and maturity level of candidates.
- Candidate Book with 8 chapters includes prayers and practices.
- Sponsor Handbook
- Web resources
- 2013 printing includes updates for Third Roman Missal

