

Confirmation Reflection

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After I was baptized, I did not think much about going for Confirmation. There was even one time where I told my mom I did not want to be confirmed because I do not think it was important.

To me, all the other 6 Sacraments are self-explanatory; Baptism creates in us a new life with God, the life of God himself. Penance purifies us of the sins we commit ourselves. The Sacrament of the sick cures the sick or prepares us into the life of the world to come. But Confirmation, I did not understand what it was supposed to.

I read online where a Cardinal named Cushing said Confirmation was "the Cinderella of the Sacraments, neglected and little understood". But now, several years later, I begin to understand the importance of confirmation. It is not about just saying the words "Yes, I want to be Confirmed" during a ceremony that will finish within 30 minutes, then we all congratulate each other and go our merry ways.

When we say "yes", we're really saying yes, not to a ceremony, but to Jesus. We're saying, "I want to follow Jesus Christ. I want to be his disciple just like those first disciples

who dropped everything and followed Jesus."

Through the years after my baptism, I had become very involved with the church, which helped me strengthen my faith. I was able to understand the gifts which the Holy Spirit had given me and how they help me in my daily lives.

On the night of the Easter Vigil, I said yes during my Confirmation with certainty, the certainty that I will live the life that Jesus taught us, and follow his values and his ways.

