

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum Overview



## Confirmation Program by Ascension Press

Chosen is a catechetical journey for teenaged Confirmation candidates. This program is designed to provide the essential intellectual and spiritual catechesis that is so vital to sacramental preparation.

Catechesis is different than an academic course, which seeks to impart knowledge about a given subject. While a catechist certainly teaches, and the student catechized certainly learns, the goal of catechesis is to bring about a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. It is teaching for conversion. The end result of effective catechesis is not a classroom full of smart students, but a community full of disciples. All too often we see teens drift away from the Church after Confirmation. *Chosen* seeks to reverse this trend by winning over the hearts of teens at a critical time in their lives and keeping them firmly planted within the faith community of the Church. Each lesson of Chosen has been carefully laid out with this aim in mind.

The name of this program, Chosen, is meant to convey that Confirmation, like the other Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, and the Eucharist) is not so much about us choosing God, as it is about him choosing us (see CCC 1).

Over the course of the twenty-four lessons, your child will be invited first to hear, then to respond with faith to the voice of God who has called us to become his sons and daughters—simply because “he first loved us” (1 John 4:19).

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