

Formation Toward Christian Ministry (FTCM)

Sacraments

Session 2 – Make Up

Name: _____

Location Registered: _____

Date of Original Class: _____

I have personally read all of the required reading, viewed the make-up video, and completed the following worksheets.

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Sacraments – Lesson 2 – Worksheet 1

What is grace?

Write about a paragraph.

Sacraments – Lesson 2 – Worksheet 2

With reference to *Sacramental Theology* pp. 31-33 and CCC 1996-2005

- (a) What is grace?
- (b) What sense can be made of the statement: "Grace is not so much a what, as it is a who."?
- (c) Explain what is meant by the statement that it is grace which allows us to respond to God's grace.
- (d) Define each of the following: sanctifying grace, habitual grace, special grace, graces of state?

Sacraments – Lesson 2 – Worksheet 3

With reference to *Sacramental Theology* pp. 35-38 and CCC 1145-1162

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Sacraments – Lesson 2 – Worksheet 4

With reference to *Sacramental Theology* pp. 38-39 and CCC 1127-1129,1131

- (a) What is meant by the statement that the sacraments act *ex opere operato*?
- (b) Why are the sacraments described as efficacious signs? What does that mean?
- (c) From a pastoral perspective, why is it important to assert that the effectiveness of a sacrament does not depend on the personal holiness of the minister?
- (d) What theological basis is there for the assertion that the sacraments act *ex opere operato*?

Sacraments – Lesson 2 – Worksheet 5

With reference to *Sacramental Theology* pp. 40-42 and CCC 1127-1129,1131

- (a) If the sacraments act *ex opere operato*, what significance if any is there in the attitude or disposition of those who receive them?
- (b) Distinguish between what is meant by a sacrament's effectiveness and a sacrament's fruitfulness.
- (c) Can an effective but fruitless celebration of a sacrament impart a character?

Sacraments – Lesson 2 – Worksheet 6

With reference to *Sacramental Theology* pp. 48-64

- (a) Has the Church always celebrated each of the sacraments the same way that it does now?
- (b) At what point in history did the Church teach irrevocably and irreformably that there are seven sacraments – no more and no less?
- (c) Given this historical reality and the reality of the historical development of sacramental understanding, how can we continue to claim that the sacraments were “instituted by Christ”?

Sacraments – Lesson 2 – Worksheet 7

How do sacraments mediate grace?

Sacraments – Lesson 2 – Worksheet 8

Write about a paragraph answer to at least one of the following questions:

1. The sacraments are actions of Christ through the Church. What does this mean for you? What direct impact does this idea have on how we are Church/parish today?
2. What new ideas concerning the historical development of the sacraments have sparked your interest or raised questions? Does having a historical consciousness regarding the evolution of the sacraments deepen your appreciation for the sacraments? How?