CONFIRMATION PREPARATION
Holy Spirit Lesson

Confirmation does not begin a person's life in the Spirit. Instead, it acknowledges and celebrates it. The catechesis for confirmation and the celebration of the sacrament ought to call student's attention to the action of the Holy Spirit in their lives and invite a deeper response to action.
Bowman, Peg (1991) At Home with the Sacraments: Confirmation Twenty-Third Publications, Mystic, CT (Purchase the book at Amazon.com link HERE)

The following activities may be helpful within confirmation preparation. Use the lesson to supplement your curriculum or just to review the students' knowledge and understanding.

**Introductory Activity**
Divide the students into two groups and give each group five index cards. Ask the students to pool their knowledge to write 5 questions to ask the other group about the Holy Spirit. They write one question on each card - they have to know the answer to the question in order to ask it.

Use a timer or an "hour glass" that lasts one to two minutes. The groups alternate in asking and answering the questions within the time allowed.

This is a pre-test activity to determine what the students already know about any subject and it gets them thinking/interested in the lessons that follow.

**Learning the Prayer to the Holy Spirit by Heart**
1. Write out the prayer - each line on a separate index card or piece of paper:
   - Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
   - And kindle in them the fire of your love.
   - Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created
   - And you will renew the face of the earth.
   - Hand 4 students one line and let the class tape them up in the correct order. This can be done in two teams to see which one of the teams can be the quickest to get the order correct.
2. To help the students learn the Prayer to the Holy Spirit give them each a copy of the prayer with some of the words blanked out. They fill in the blanks.
3. Have the students pair up and ask them to help each other memorize the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

**Bible Search**
Have the students divide into 4 groups and assign each group a scripture passage. Each group reads the passage to learn about the Holy Spirit. Have the small groups teach what they have learned to the rest of the students.
- 1 Corinthians 12 7-11
- John 14: 26-27
- Mark 1: 9-12
- Isaiah 11: 2-3