Confirmation Episode 7: Celebration and Looking Ahead

Goals...
- To Celebrate your Confirmation by looking ahead to what it means for the rest of your life!
- To Explore the different Christian States of Life that God might be calling you to live out.

Pay Attention for...
- How Confirmation is NOT graduation but an Inauguration
- Specific Vocations or ‘Callings’ that Confirmed Catholics should pray about following
- Steps to discern a vocation.

The Big Idea!
Confirmation is the end of one journey but also the beginning of a bigger one! It represents our first step into the larger world of living out our mature Christian Faith and in taking responsibility for discerning our Vocation.

1) Archbishop Coyne emphasizes that Confirmation is NOT graduation, but rather the Inauguration of our mature Christian faith. What does he mean by this?

2) Fr. Dodson says that, even after graduating from high school, many young people are already thinking of their next step in life. What are some of the ways that Fr. Dodson suggests that you start getting involved in your parish to help you discern your next steps in life as a Christian?

3) What are the Vocations or “states of life” that you might be called to after Confirmation as you grow into adulthood in the faith?

4) What are a few of the things that Fr. Dodson suggest you do in order to find out what God is calling you to?

Final Reflection Question (Answer in a paragraph): Archbishop Coyne ends the series by saying that, no matter where you go in your life, the doors of the Church are always open. What do you think he means by saying this and what does it say about the gift of Confirmation and God’s love for us?