

## 2. Basic Faith Test - see chart below

The Basic faith Test is a MANDATORY exam given to students to test their knowledge on key tenets of their Catholic faith. The material on the test includes:

- ❖ the Apostles Creed
- ❖ Ten Commandments and the Two Great Commandments
- ❖ the Theological and Cardinal Virtues
- ❖ the Gifts of the Spirit
- ❖ the Seven Deadly Sins
- ❖ the Seven Sacraments (what each does for us, matter, form, minister, type)
- ❖ the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy
- ❖ our church leaders (pope, bishop, parish priests)

**Students must pass this test before entering the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade/final year of Confirmation preparation.**

Date	Who	What
<b>March 26, 2017</b>	<b><u>RE students</u></b>	The exam will be given during Sunday classes
<b>TBD no later than April 12, 2017</b>	<b><u>St. William of York Catholic School students</u></b>	will be given during one of their religion class periods and the date will be coordinated with their religion teacher
<b>By appointment no later than April 12, 2017</b>	<b><u>Home-schooled students</u></b>	should schedule an appointment when they are prepared and ready to take the test

Study guides will be provided, and although the catechists do review the material throughout the year, **we do NOT teach to the test.** The students must put in individual effort and prepare outside of class in order to show an understanding of the material and a readiness for the sacrament of Confirmation.

If a student scores less than 70%, he/she will have an opportunity to retake the test. Students **MUST** retake the exam **NLT June 30th** by making an appointment with the RE office. Assistance in studying for the exam can be given by the RE Office. Parents are encouraged to assist their children in studying for the exam. Students who make an honest effort have never had any difficulty passing the exam or an equivalent.