

A Letter to the Pastor

In each parish, the pastor is the spiritual leader who is the personal representative of the Bishop in that faith community. It is the pastor's responsibility, among others, to be able to recommend to the Bishop candidates for Confirmation who have the right intentions, the spiritual and educational background, and a sense of commitment toward this Sacrament and to an ongoing life of faith within the Catholic Church.

In order to assist Father Brady, the pastor of St. Michael parish, in his recommendation to Bishop DiLorenzo concerning your participation in the Sacrament of Confirmation, all candidates for Confirmation will write a letter to Father Brady, which should include the following:

1. Why you chose to be confirmed this year;
2. What change/growth you've experienced since being in the Confirmation process (use examples: the retreat, interaction with your sponsor, what you learned in the Confirmation sessions, etc.);
3. Whether or not you feel you are ready to commit yourself to the faith of the Church as a member of this community, and why;
4. How Confirmation has made you more aware of what the Church is and what it teaches, practices, and believes (use a specific example);
5. In what ways you will become (or remain) active in the Church after you are confirmed;
6. Anything else you feel is appropriate to mention.

Remember to sign your name and date this letter. Please type or write carefully so that your letter will be easy to read. You should read your letter to your sponsor, revise it if you desire, and turn it in to your teacher or Elise no later than Sunday, April 10, 2011.