

Confirmation Entrance Essay



How have you grown in your religious knowledge of the Catholic Church since your First Communion? What do you believe? At the end of seventh grade, what should every potential Confirmation candidate know about the bible, the saints, the Mass, the Church year, the sacraments, our parish? What defines you as being a Catholic?

Each eighth grader that would like to be a candidate for Confirmation 2010, is asked to write a **Confirmation Entrance Essay** that presents their acquired religious knowledge to date and their desire to prepare for the moment they will publicly confirm that faith. This statement of “creed” or Catholic beliefs may be typed, double-spaced or neatly hand-written and must be at 250 words.

What should be included in this essay? In the past five years, you have learned so much about your faith! You have learned about prayer, the Sacraments, the Commandments, the Old and New Testament, the Mass, the Trinity, the person of Jesus, caring for others, the seasons of the Church Year, the Saints, Holy Days and signs and symbols of our Catholic faith (*check out the back of this page for “What Every Catholic 7th Grader Should Know”*). **Please include how your faith and religious knowledge has grown since grade two by stating your beliefs or what you have learned.**

In addition to including the knowledge you have acquired about your faith, please consider answering these questions as well:

1. *Why do you want to be considered a candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation?*
2. *Do you feel that you are ready to receive all of the gifts that the Holy Spirit wants to give to you? Are you ready to use your gifts to become the man or woman God is calling you to be and to reach out to others in need?*
3. *Do you understand that Confirmation is a Sacrament of Initiation, which means through this Sacrament you will become a full member of the Catholic Church (you already are a member!) and that your faith journey is just beginning, not complete?*
4. *Are you willing to learn more about your faith, attend weekly Mass, prepare yourself spiritually through prayer and spiritual events and be of service to others without asking anything in return?*

Guidelines for Confirmation Entrance Essay

- ✓ Essay should be typed, double-spaced OR very neatly handwritten
- ✓ On the top right corner of the page, please type/write your first and last name and directly beneath your name type/write “Confirmation Entrance Essay”

**This essay is DUE on Tuesday, September 15th, 2009
at the Confirmation Enrollment Evening!**