

Statement of Intent “Letter to the Pastor”

Each student in the Confirmation program will complete a letter to the pastor as part of the final phase of Confirmation prep. The pastor presents the candidates to the bishop, and must vouch that they are fully prepared and ready for the sacrament – so we want a written statement by each candidate of their desire to be confirmed!

Letters should be at least 2/3 of a page (not counting headings), but no longer than 2 pages in length. They should be typed (standard font/size used in school) or in very neat handwriting, and should answer the questions:

Why do you want to be confirmed?

Why do you feel you are ready to be confirmed?

How do you plan to be involved in the church after confirmation?

Please remind your teen to compose this statement carefully and honestly. Our pastor, Fr. Rask, reads these closely and wants to know the heartfelt reasons that our candidates are pursuing this sacrament. The letters not only help *us* know what the teens learned, they are also a chance for the teens to reflect on how they've grown in their faith.

Students must hand in their Statements of Intent by March 31st. (We need to give Fr. Rask time to read them before the Confirmation Masses in May!) If your student misses that class due to illness or other unavoidable circumstances, the letter can be e-mailed to stewart@stodilia.org or handed in to the Faith Formation Office.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

In Christ,

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