

## *St. Mary's Parish*

### *Confirmation Letter to the Pastor, Father Rodney Thibault*

*Every candidate is asked to write a letter to Fr. Rodney, our pastor, to request he/she receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is the pastor who recommends the students to the Bishop's office to receive this sacrament of our Church. The letter should respond to each question below. It is helpful when personal examples are given to explain your answers. Occasionally, the Bishop or the designated minister of Confirmation will choose to review some letters. Your letter could be chosen in response to such a request.*

*Please write your name, age, school and year/grade in school and the date on the top right side of the first page. Please make sure your letter includes as a minimum responses to each of the following:*

- 1. Write something about yourself. Who are you? What are you like? What is your family like? What kind of things do you enjoy doing?*
- 2. What does it mean for you to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?*
- 3. What have you done to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation? Where were you in your faith journey before Confirmation? Where are you now in your faith journey? Do you feel you are ready for Confirmation?*
- 4. What responsibilities does a confirmed person your age have in the Church? In other words, what can the Church expect from you after you are confirmed? Include in your answer how a person your age can serve his/her parish.*
- 5. Being a Christian in today's world is often challenging. The Gospels tell us to live one way and society sometimes encourages us to make other choices. List 2 areas where a person your age faces such challenges. Please write something about each one.*
- 6. During the Confirmation ceremony, the Church will pray that you will receive the Holy Spirit as your "helper and guide." Everyone will pray that you will receive the spirit of wisdom, understanding, right judgment, courage, knowledge, reverence and a sense of wonder and awe in the presence of the Lord. Choose one of these "gifts of the Spirit" and write how you will use this gift in your own life and for our Church. Be sure to write what the gift is and what it means.*
- 7. During the Confirmation ceremony, you will be anointed on your forehead with chrism...a mixture of olive oil and balm. What does the action of being anointed mean to you?*
- 8. You were asked to choose a Saint Name for Confirmation. Who did you choose and why? How was this Saint a good example of what it means to be a disciple.*
- 9. Whom did you choose for your sponsor for Confirmation? Why did you choose him/her? How are they a good example of what a disciple is? How do they live out their faith?*
- 10. Include anything else you would like to say to Fr. Rodney about Confirmation and your Catholic Faith. Thanks!*