

What is a Statement of Intent?

Due Wednesday, October 16th, 2024

The statement of intent is a written letter of 500 words expressing where each teen and his or her parents are at in their faith life and what he or she desires from the Church. This is not a test but is another way we can better accompany your family as your child begins the process of discerning Confirmation.

Please be honest so that we may know how to best serve your family. These statements will be kept confidential and will be read by only the Faith Formation staff, and if beneficial and necessary, Fr. Dufner and Fr. Hedman. Please be assured that nothing you say will keep your child from receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, it will only be used to help us all as we journey together in this process.

Guidelines for parent(s):

Only one parent letter is necessary, but separate responses from both are encouraged! Only one letter is required if you have multiple children in the program.

Please choose 1 of the following prompts. Statements should be typed, 500 words in length, double spaced, Calibri or similar font, size 12.

1. How Have you Shared with Your Teen the Importance of This Sacrament?

- What does it mean to live out the Catholic faith?
- What does this look like in your family life? What do you do to live it out, personally and/or together?
- What is your involvement in your son or daughter's search for faith? Is it active or passive?
- How has he or she responded to your sharing of the Catholic faith?
- How could you be more involved in your child's search and development of faith?
- Have you previously talked with him or her about what Confirmation means? What was his or her response?

2. What is the Hope or Vision You Have for Your Child after He or She Receives This Sacrament?

- Describe your life currently – what is important to you, what is your family like, what is your view of church and God, etc.
- What do you desire from the Church for your son or daughter? This year and in the future.
- How will being Confirmed have an impact on your son or daughter's life?
- What responsibilities will your son or daughter be taking on through Confirmation?
- What is your involvement in your son or daughter's search for faith? Is it active or passive?
- How will you continue to encourage your son or daughter to be actively involved in the life of the Church and use the gifts and graces given to them in this Sacrament?

Completed reflections should be printed and turned in on Wednesday, October 16th at Faith Formation or in Theology class.