

What is a Statement of Intent?

Due Wednesday, October 29th, 2025

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 youth:

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

1. What Type of Christian Man or Woman Do you Envision Being in the Future?

- Describe your life currently – what is important to you, what is your family like, what is your view of church and God, etc.
- What does it mean to live out the Catholic faith? What does that look like in your life?
- What do you think it will look like for you to live out at relationship with Jesus as you get older? Please be specific.
- How will being Confirmed have an impact on your life? This year and in the future. Please be specific.
- How will you be actively involved in the life (community) of the Church and use the gifts and graces given to you in this Sacrament?
- Is there someone in your life you look up to because of how he or she lives out his or her faith? What does their faith look like? Why does that inspire you?

2. What Steps Do You Need to Take to Get Closer to God?

- Describe your life currently – what is important to you, what is your family like, what is your view of church and God, etc.
- What does it mean to live out the Catholic faith? What does that look like in your life?
- What do you desire from God? Why do you come to Church?
- What does a good relationship with Jesus look like? What things are you already doing? What do you want to work on?
- What are some concrete and specific steps you will take this year to grow in prayer and in your relationship with God?
- How can the Church, your family, your friends, and your community help keep you accountable and support you in these steps?

Completed reflections should be printed and turned in on Due Wednesday, October 29th, 2025, at Faith Formation or in Theology class.