

Confirmation Candidate's Letter to the Pastor

The Sacrament of Confirmation completes the student's Sacrament of Initiation in the Roman Catholic faith. Through this Sacrament, the Holy Spirit instills the Confirmandi with His seven gifts that will strengthen the Sanctifying Grace from the Father to serve the world as Jesus modeled for us.

In St. John's Gospel, the Evangelist tells us that Jesus instructed His disciples:

"You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do ... It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another." ~John 13:13-15, 15:16-17

As part of your Confirmation preparation, we ask you to write a letter to our pastor, Fr. John, answering the following question:

- **Why do you feel you are ready to have Fr. John present you to the Bishop as a Candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation?**

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Religious Ed. Office at 631-878-0009, ext. 5 or email confirmation@sjecm.org.