

## St. Thomas More Parish Confirmation Program CONFIRMATION 2010 CONFIRMATION II CANDIDATE'S LETTER TO THE BISHOP

Each candidate must satisfactorily complete a formal letter requesting Confirmation from the Bishop. Each candidate's parent or guardian must also complete a statement explaining why they want the candidate to be Confirmed.

Each candidate receives the Sacrament of Confirmation from a Bishop. The presence of the Bishop symbolizes the universality of the Church and your desire to be a full member of the Roman Catholic Church.

In order for a candidate to be Confirmed, the parish must make a recommendation to the Bishop that indicates the candidate has the desire to receive the Sacrament. The parish must likewise attest that the candidate has sufficiently prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Additionally, the Bishop, before he Confirms the candidates, checks on their readiness to receive the Sacrament. As part of this process and as one of the final requirements of the Confirmation Program, candidates for Confirmation need to write a letter to the Bishop asking to be Confirmed as a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Your letter to be addressed "**Your Excellency Most Reverend Robert Hennessey**" (the salutation to a Bishop), and it should cover the following information:

- why do you want to be Confirmed in the Roman Catholic Church,
- what does Confirmation mean to you,
- what does faith mean to you,
- what does the Church mean to you,
- what did you do to prepare for Confirmation,
- what have you learned and experienced as part of your Confirmation preparation,
- what saint's name did you choose and why,
- who have you chosen as a sponsor and why

Your letter should be neatly written on a clean (straight-edged) sheet of paper. You should sign your letter.

\*When your letter is done ask one of your parents to read the letter. On the same piece of paper, ask him/her to write a brief statement on why they want you to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and to sign the statement.

\*\*\* BISHOP'S LETTER IS DUE INTO JANELLE'S OFFICE BY APRIL 15, 2010.