

Dear Bishop Callahan,

My name is [John Doe], and I am an 11th grader attending Christian Formation classes at St. Anthony Parish in Menomonee Falls. I am currently preparing for Confirmation and wanted to share a few of my thoughts.

I am the oldest of four children. I enjoy playing softball on both the high school team and recreation department leagues during the summer. I also like playing the trumpet in the high school band.

I have helped out at our church by ushering at liturgies. I also helped serve dinner to developmentally challenged people at our annual dinner/dance. I would like to do more of those types of things but between school, homework and extra-curricular sports and band I just don't seem to have the time. My mom and dad are both Eucharistic ministers and mom is a reader at mass. They are good role models for my brother, sisters and me.

I decided to pick my older cousin for a sponsor because he always goes to church and seems to get real pleasure out of helping other people. He even took me along on a trip down to St. Ben's to serve food to poor people. It was good to spend time with him and hear why he decided to be confirmed and why his faith is so important to him. It also made me feel good to be helping others. I want to be like that when I get older.

I wasn't sure I really wanted to be confirmed but after hearing more about the Catholic faith and what it all means from my sponsor, parents and small group leader, I am looking forward to being part of the confirmation rite on May 3rd at St. James Church. I feel like I am now ready to publicly affirm that my faith is an important part of my life.

Sincerely,

[John Doe]