

## An Affirmation of Baptism

Students will publicly declare their intention to uphold the covenant God made with them in baptism on Confirmation Sunday.

This day marks a significant milestone in their faith journey, and provides an opportunity for our faith community to reaffirm our commitment to lovingly support these young individuals as they continue to grow in their faith.

In addition to fulfilling the requirements of **two service projects** and **twenty-five**Faith in Action Talk Sheets by September 1st, the following criteria must also be met:

- 1 FAITH STATEMENT OR PROJECT convey your faith journey in words or a project
- 2 CONFIRMATION BIBLE VERSE choose a verse that means something to your faith life
- 3 FAITH CONVERSATION meet with Pastor Adam, Pastor Ann or Julie Vagle in Aug/Sept
- 4 CONFIRMATION CLASS RETREAT an overnight retreat with your confirmation class
- 5 REHEARSAL & PICTURE DAY students and parents gather for rehearsal and pictures

## 1- faith statement or faith project

## >FAITH STATEMENT

What do these phrases mean to you now, as you're about to enter high school? What does it mean to say, 'I believe in Jesus Christ,' 'Jesus is my Lord,' or 'I put my trust in Jesus'? We're inviting you to write something called a Faith Statement. This won't be shared unless you decide to do so. However, you'll have the opportunity to discuss it during your Faith Conversation in August or early September.

**Deadline:** You're encouraged to complete it as soon as possible but it must be turned in at least 24 hours **before your Faith Conversation**. Please do not put it off or rush too quickly.

**Length:** Two pages, double spaced (12 pt. font) is what you will need to do this adequately. We encourage you to talk with your parent(s) about this and ask for their help.

**Content:** Begin by describing your faith journey up to this point in your life. Consider the following prompts as you write about your journey:

- What do you believe? Think about who God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are. How have you have seen God at work in your life? What does it mean that Jesus died on the cross for our sins? What does grace mean? Do you have any struggles in your faith? Are there gifts God has given you, and how do you see yourself sharing these gifts in future?
- Who have been *key people in your faith journey so far?* Grandparents, parents, godparents...What is it about them that has moved you to becoming a Christian? Who are key people for you now as you enter 9th grade? How do they influence you?
- What challenges do you see to your faith

- in high school? Are there ways you can continue to grow in your faith during high school? How can Trinity help you in your journey? What is difficult about being a Christian or active in the church during high school?
- What *experiences* in life have helped you believe/trust in God? What experiences have made your faith stronger? In what ways have you felt God's goodness in your life up to this point?
- One key aspect of our faith is loving our neighbor (service). Faith is made active through love! How do you see yourself serving others throughout your high school years and beyond?