

## **A LETTER TO THE PASTOR**

FR. JOHN KELLEHER

### REQUESTING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We ask each student preparing for Confirmation to write a letter to Father John, requesting to be confirmed. This letter should express the student's feelings about Confirmation and indicate a desire in asking to receive the Sacrament. This letter should be in their own words, and should be sincere. In addition to asking for Confirmation, the letter should include a response to each question below.

1. Introduce yourself by writing something about yourself. Who are you? What are you all about? What's your family like? What do you enjoy?
2. What does your Catholic faith mean to you? How do you nurture it?
3. Why are you asking to be considered as a Candidate for Confirmation? What does it mean to you to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?
4. Who did you choose to be your sponsor for Confirmation? Why did you choose this person?
5. What do you see as your responsibility once confirmed? How do you plan on staying involved with the Church and your faith?
6. Being Catholic in today's world can often be challenging. Christ calls us to live one way, while society often encourages us to make choices that lead us in another direction. Describe at least two areas where a person your age faces such conflicts in today's society. How have you handled these challenges in the past? How do you plan to handle them in the future?

The letter should be typed, written in proper letter form. Please develop your thoughts clearly and use complete sentences, as well as spellcheck. For most people, talking this over with family or friends will help the candidate think about their own personal responses. Please take time to do this. The objective of the letter is to make sure the letter reflects the importance of Confirmation for you.

**This letter, along with the completed Sponsor form, should be returned to the Faith Formation Office by September 1, 2024. If you have any questions before that date please contact the Office at (508)394-0709, or email [stpiusxreled@comcast.net](mailto:stpiusxreled@comcast.net)**