

Guidelines for Your Letter to the Bishop

- ❖ This letter is meant to provide you with an opportunity to reflect prior to the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- ❖ The letters are to be written in free narrative form **in your own words, typed and addressed: Dear Bishop Robert Finn and St. Margaret's Parishioners.**
- ❖ The body of the letter should include some of the following reflections:
 - What significant events and people in your life have led to the decision to be confirmed at this time?
 - What does it mean to be confirmed? Do YOU, the candidate come to the Sacrament freely?
 - What part of the Confirmation preparation process was most significant to you?
 - What kinds of projects or activities did you do to complete your service hours? What did you learn or how did you benefit from the service? (*remember 30 hours*)
 - How do you plan to continue to be involved in the parish and show evidence of your deeper relationship with the parish and God after being confirmed?
- ❖ **(Optional)** Ask your Confirmation sponsor to sign the letter to the Bishop and parish community in witness of the willingness and readiness of the candidate to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- ❖ **Letters to the Bishop are due absolutely no later than the March 4 small group meeting.** Cheryl MUST mail all letters to the Bishop together!
- ❖ If you have questions writing your letter, you may contact Cheryl. E-mail works best, cimmethun@stmargaretsparish.org
- ❖ It is your job to write and get the letter to Cheryl! Not your parents, sponsor or group leaders!
- ❖ The Bishop does read the letters.