

Crossroads Parish - Two Parishes, One Big Community in Faith

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Dear Students and Parents:

Assignments to be completed before Confirmation Affirmation of Baptism Sunday April 7th, 2024:

- Faith Statement (enclosed with this mailing)
- Intergenerational Interview (Instructions enclosed)
- Faith Interview with Clergy (Pr. Cassie or Dn. Brad) to be scheduled
- Symbol: Options pick one to be given as gift during service
 1. Pendant with Cross
 2. Name Tag (Permanent one similar to staff)
 3. Photo Frame with signed matting (to put confirmation photo in)

NOTE: We are moving away from making stoles as this is a strange tradition with unknown origins and conflicts with our theology of stoles being a symbol of ordination to the office of Minister (Pastor or Deacon).

Summary

- **Symbol Choice** – Let us know which of three options you want.
- **Bible verse selection** – each student selects a verse to be used during the service. You can pick your verse on your own, or, we will give you ideas upon request.
- **Selecting your participation role** in the Confirmation service – every student will participate as a reader, an usher, a greeter, share a short story of faith, etc.
- **Personal interview** with clergy – the Faith Statement will be reviewed as part of the interview. The thirty-minute interview to be scheduled after worship on Sunday prior to Confirmation/AOB service.
- **Connect with your past lent mentors** as part of this experience *{a mentor is a good candidate for your Intergenerational Interview}*. Consider inviting them to the confirmation worship service.
- **TWO WRITING ASSIGNMENTS** – these are your personal Faith Statement/Future Church Plans, and an Intergenerational Interview, **DUE WITH YOUR CLERGY INTERVIEW!**

Intergenerational Interview

{talking about faith with an older person}

The Intergenerational Interview is a chance for you to talk with someone from another generation about faith – both yours and theirs. You are asked to prepare a summary of the interview and turn it in to the clergy. Reflect on what you have learned and why that is important. It should not just be a page of questions and answers. Please complete your summary and turn it in during your clergy faith interview meeting.

WHO SHOULD I INTERVIEW?

Any person who is at least your parent's age is fine – but the **best** interviews will be of persons who are even older. A person who is the age of your grandparents would be terrific, and grandparents make wonderful candidates. If your grandparents are not available, a family friend or neighbor can work well. There are people at church that you know, or your family knows, who would be wonderful to interview. They don't have to be Lutheran, but they should be practicing Christians. If you cannot find someone, please talk to clergy and they will help you find someone.

WHAT SHOULD I ASK?

1. Did you go to Confirmation class? What was it like? What did you do? How many years did you go? How many students were in your class? What did you learn? What difference did Confirmation make in your life?
2. What was a church service like when you were my age?
3. Have there been times in your life when your faith has been very important? When and why?
4. What are some of your favorite religious songs or hymns? Bible verses/stories?
5. Did you go to Sunday school? What was that like?
6. Did your parents go to church? Did you go with them as a child? Did you ever stop going to church? Why?
7. Have you ever felt that God didn't care about you or about what happened in your life? How did you work this out/are you working this out?
8. What is the most important practice in your faith that keeps you connected to God?

These are sample questions. You may be able to think of better questions yourself, or you may decide to expand on these questions in your own, personal way. You don't have to ask all of these questions. These are meant only to help you get a start on your interview.

Personal Faith Statement & Future Church Involvement Plans

NAME: _____

Please answer the following questions. We would like you to spend this time thinking about the meaning of **your** faith and considering what it is that **you** believe.

Please turn in this Faith Statement during your Faith Interview with clergy.

1. What do you believe about God? (list characteristics, qualities, personalities, emotions, . . .)

2. What does God's love mean to you?

3. If you were to tell someone about Jesus who had never heard of Jesus, what would you say?

4. What is your favorite Bible story/passage and why?

On the day of your confirmation, you will be asked the following question:

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

- To live among God's faithful people,
- To hear his Word and share in his supper,
- To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
- To serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,
- To strive for justice and peace in all of the earth?

We would like you to think about each part of this question.

a. To live among God's faithful people

1. What does this statement mean to you?

2. How do you plan to live among God's faithful people?

3. Who are some of the people in your life or at Abiding Savior that have helped you grow in your faith? How did they help you?

b. To hear his Word and share in his supper.

1. What is God's Word and how might you hear it?

2. As a Christian, why is it important to hear God's Word and to share in communion?

- c. To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
 - 1. To you, what is the “good news of God in Christ?”

 - 2. What are some ways in which others have proclaimed this good news to you in word and deed? Give specific people and examples.

 - 3. How can you proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed as a high school student?

- d. To serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all of the earth?
 - 1. Give some examples of how Jesus served all people, strove for justice and peace.

 - 2. What questions do you have about God or faith or the church? (Is there anything you don't understand, don't like, seems unfair, or that you would like to change? Please be honest!)

 - 3. How do you plan to follow the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all of the earth?

3. Is worship important for you? Why or why not? How do you like to worship?

4. You are a baptized child of God. Explain what this means to you. (What comfort, hope, joy, etc. does it give you?)

5. In what ways do you believe that God is involved in your life?

6. Please explain your plans to be involved in the church after you are confirmed (specific roles and things you will do).