Letters to Candidates – Received at Confirmation Retreat

At some point during the afternoon portion of the Confirmation Retreat on Feb. 29th, the Candidates will be given some quiet time and space and will be presented with a collection of notes and letters written to them individually by people in their lives.

Please pass the information below along to sponsors, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, siblings, family friends, teachers, catechists, etc. so that EVERY candidate has a package of encouraging letters on the day of the retreat.

Letter Guidelines:
Ask those writing letters to just write from the heart about the importance of their Catholic/Christian faith, and to encourage the confirmation candidate to continue growing in their faith journey.

- Memories of when the confirmation candidate was a baby or small child.
- Writing about all of the candidate's fine qualities and how they have grown over the years to this point.
- Include challenges they have already overcome or are working very hard on.
- Something about the patron saint they have chosen and how that fits in with their own life or faith journey.
- Reminder that they should ask God to help them for all that is before them in the years ahead.
- Add a special bible verse that you think would be helpful to the candidate or a verse that is a family favorite.
- A few pictures are nice too if you have the time to include them - BUT PLEASE, NOT TOO MANY AS WE PRINT THOSE THAT ARE EMAILED

All letters are due by Friday, February 21, 2020.

Late submissions are not guaranteed to be received by the Candidate at the Retreat and should instead be sent directly to the Candidate’s family.

By email:
Send to confirmation@stgilesparish.org / Subject Line: Confirmation Letter for {Name of Candidate}

By mail: Attn: Marrey Picciotti, St. Giles Parish, 1025 Columbian Ave., Oak Park, IL  60302