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Confirmation Essay 8th Grade

As a Confirmand who will soon be Confirmed it is important that you are able to express the Christian faith in a more personal way. This project is designed to help you write an essay expressing their personal faith in Jesus Christ which will also be presented in a public setting. Use this worksheet as a guide to putting together an essay.

1. Belief statements – write out brief statements about what you believe about God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Write out 6-10 statements about what you believe. (examples provided to get you started but please come up with several more statements in your own words.)

- I believe God, the Father, has made me and all things.
- I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior.
- I believe the Holy Spirit works in my life.
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2. God speaks to us in His Word, the Bible. It is through the God's Word that we learn who God is and of His love for each of us. Choose several Bible verses (2-3) that are meaningful to you and support your belief statements.

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5. Confessing what I believe – Essay and Presentation – using the information and ideas gathered, put together an essay (written) that will be shared (presentation) with other students, parents and members of St. John. Essays should be **2-3 pages typed** (double spaced) and should take **several minutes to present**.

Essay Outline

- I. Introduction
 - a. Introduce yourself.
 - b. Share what you believe about your faith using I believe statements
 - c. Introduce your Bible verse
- II. Body of the Essay
 - a. Explain your Bible verse
 - b. How does this verse “defend” or explain your beliefs?
 - c. How does this verse apply to your life?
 - d. share a personal story, experience or other meaningful event in your life.
- III. Conclusion
 - a. Summarize your verse and beliefs again.
 - b. How does what you believe impact your life now and in the future?

Basic Timeline:

Please submit assignments to my email: **pastormike@stjohnnt.com**

End of January - Bible Verse Selection – Section 1 & 2 above

Beginning of March - Rough Draft – Sections 3-5 above

Beginning of April - Final Draft – Consider revisions/edits from Pastor Mike, parents or others, to essay.

Week before Confirmation Weekend - Rehearsal of Essay Presentations – practice reading essay at the microphone in the Sanctuary. We will also go over details for Confirmation Sunday so a parent/guardian should attend.

Confirmation Weekend – First weekend in May

Friday – Presentation of Essays – 7:00 PM – Anyone can attend.

Sunday – Rite of Confirmation during the 9:00 AM Worship Service – Anyone can attend.

If you have any questions about the worksheets or schedule of items due, please contact me. I may also take some class time to go over how to put together the essays after Bible verses are selected.

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