

Hints for Writing a Confirmation Faith Statement

All Confirmation students are required to complete a Faith Statement (essay).

Statements are due to me by April 9th or before.

These are generally printed in a special bulletin insert for the Affirmation of Baptism church service to be held at 11 am on Sunday, April 26th.

A great Faith Statement begins with a statement of who you are and insights on your relationship with the church and God. Many students start their Faith Statement with their name and who their parents and baptism sponsors are, as this is when your relationship with church and God started. We also encourage students to mention some of their interests. For example:

My name is ----- . I am ____ years old and I am the son/daughter of _____ . My baptism sponsors are _____ . In my free time, I enjoy _____ .

Other topics that may be important to mention are:

- People who have served as religious or personal role models in your life and the lessons you've learned from them.
- Sunday school teachers, events and memories. Include lessons you have learned about your relationship with the church and God.
- Your experiences in Youth activities. Include some of your favorite adults, activities and lessons you've learned.
- Activities in the church, community and world that have affected you as a Christian. If you've participated in a church camp, a mission trip or special youth gathering please include that experience as well.

Remember that your essay is about you and your relationship with the church and God. While mentioning the people who have influenced you outside of church may be important, the focus should not be your school activities or friends.

Essays are generally one typed page double spaced or about between 200 to 250 words.

The statement can be emailed to me at: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com.

I will be available each Wednesday evening before Lenten worship March 4 through April 1 and students are welcome to come in and meet with me for help. (I will not be here on April 15th)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask:

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