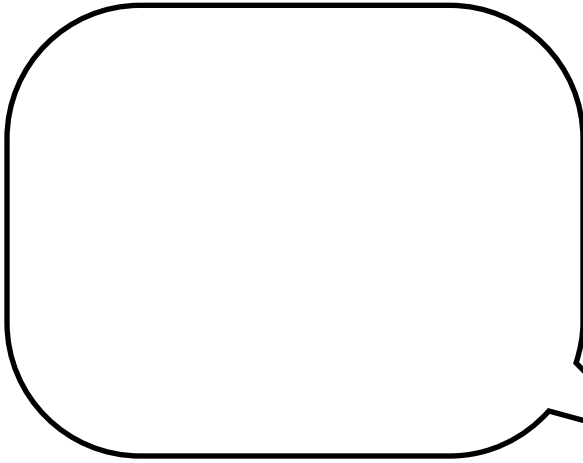


Present Day Disciple of Jesus

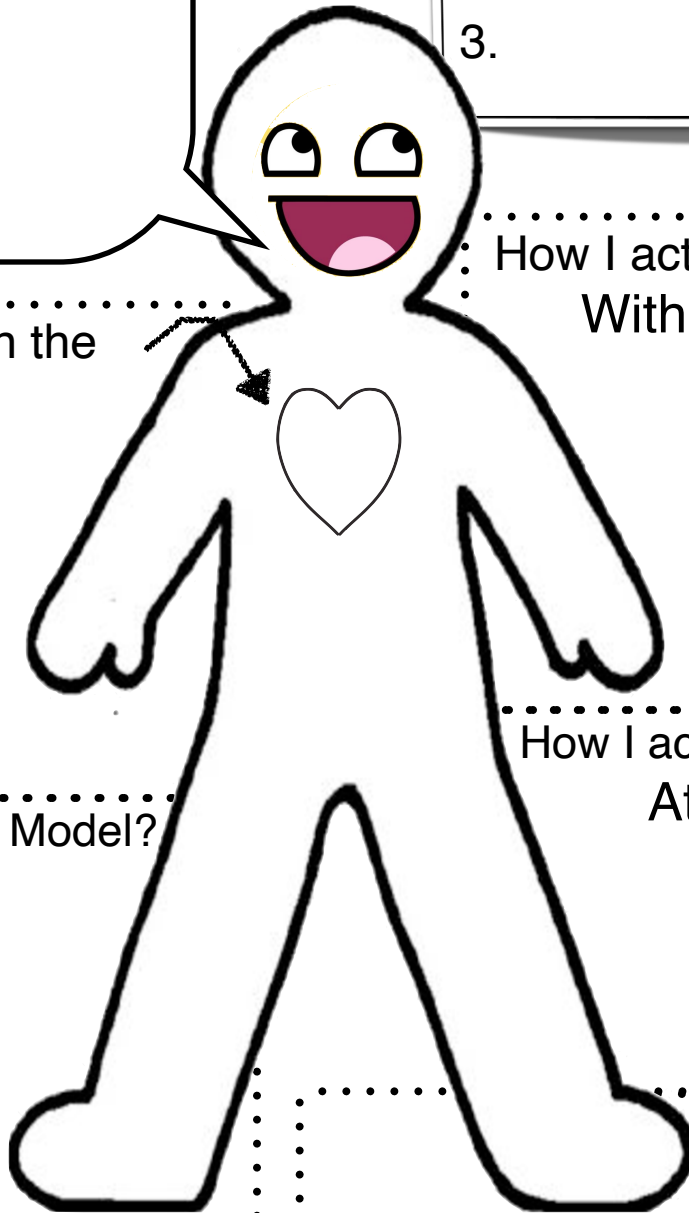


What does it take to be a Disciple?

1.

2.

3.



How I act on the outside...

With my friends:

What I believe on the
inside:

How I act on the outside...

At School:

How am I a Role Model?

Am I a person of
integrity?

Remember, God is the author and expert of our lives. God loves us unconditionally. Jesus came to show us God's love. God knows us better than we know ourselves. God knows what is best for us and God wants what is best for us.

Letter Requesting Permission to be Confirmed

Due March 8; bring to office or email to ESullivan@stjudes.org

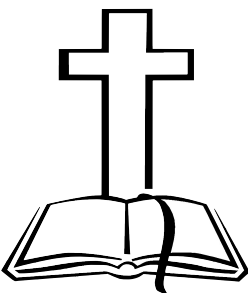
Everyone who desires to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation is asked to write a letter to Fr. Robert Basler requesting permission. He will grant you permission and allow you to receive the Sacrament as long as you convey that you believe in our faith, understand what Confirmation is, and desire to continue growing in and living out your faith.

Please type your letter and have it proof-read to ensure you have complete sentences and correct grammar and spelling.

Here is an outline to ensure you include all the necessary components:

- Address it: Dear Fr. Robert Basler,
- Paragraph 1: Introduce yourself and share with Fr. Robert where you grew up, a little bit about your family, a little bit about yourself and what you like to do. You could include one of your earliest and fond memories of your faith.
- Paragraph 2: Explain what faith means to you. Include how you see God, how and how often you pray, and in what ways you are growing in your faith. It would be nice of you to use a specific example of one way you are living out your faith (for instance, with service, with your friends, or as a role model).
- Paragraph 3: Explain what the Sacrament of Confirmation means to you. Include your reasons for wanting to receive the Sacrament. Explain how you will continue to grow in knowledge of your faith after Confirmation and give examples of how you will continue to live out your faith after Confirmation.
- Closing: Sincerely, [add your first and last name]
Sign it with a pen under your typed name

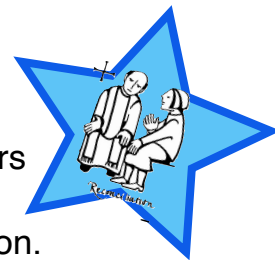
Paragraph 3 is going to take some thought! You'll want to discuss these questions with your parents and sponsor and God. You can't just throw this together in one sitting. Write out your thoughts, discuss it, and pray about it.



At your baptism, your parents made the commitment to teach you our faith. Now is the time for YOU to make a commitment to God to continue growing in knowledge of faith and friendship with God. This letter should convey your commitment to God, our faith traditions, and St. Jude community.



Faith Mapping: Stages of Faith



This activity will help you reflect on your life and your faith journey. The answers you discuss to these questions will give you some great content for your letter requesting permission to be Confirmed. That letter is due at your March Session.

List 3 adjectives that describe you:

Where did you grow up and what is something you enjoy doing in your life or with your family?



What was one of your earliest "faith" memories?



Describe how and how often you connect with God through prayer

How has your view of God changed over time?

God has always been with you for every step of your life. He wants to become even closer to you, as a friend, as you mature in faith. How can you become closer to God at this point in your life?



What does the Sacrament of Confirmation mean to you?

God loves you exactly as you are now. But God is always calling us to grow and become a better, more holy, version of ourselves. In what ways might God want you to grow?



Why do you want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?

How will you continue to GROW in faith after Confirmation?

How will you continue to LIVE your faith after Confirmation?



Jesus Walks on the Water

Matthew 14:22-33

Pray: "Holy Spirit, speak to me through this Scripture"

Jesus had the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. Then Jesus went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said,

"why did you doubt?"

And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.

Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."



Questions to Consider & Discuss:

- ★ Brainstorm at least 5 adjectives to describe Peter.
- ★ If you were a disciple in the boat that stormy night, would you have wanted to walk on water with Jesus? Why or why not? If so, would you have gotten out of the boat?
- ★ What "storms"--difficult situations--are going on in your life right now?
- ★ Jesus calls you to trust Him, seek Him, and follow Him. How can turning to Jesus help you during difficult times?
- ★ Jesus called Peter out of the boat because Jesus had faith in Peter. But he sank! Why? Peter took his eyes off of Jesus and was intimidated by the waves and danger around him. When we take our focus off of God, we too can get overwhelmed with the difficulties of life. What are three things you do or can do that will help you keep your focus on God?
- ★ Jesus called Peter out of the boat because *Jesus had faith in Peter*. **Jesus also has faith in you! He calls you to trust Him, seek Him, and to continue growing in your faith!**