

I promise to remain a part of the church community and continue to follow the teachings of God. I promise to serve God by helping my fellow peers. I want to affirm my faith. I want to affirm my love to God and my church family. When I was baptized I became a Child of God and I will continue to be a Child of God in a stronger ,more adult way, after I am confirmed.

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Confirmation

Isaiah 40:28-31: "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and power to the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord shall renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint." I am here today to confirm my responsibility for my faith and destiny. Today, I am reinstating my commitment to follow the Triune God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit throughout my life for the rest of my life on earth. I desire to be confirmed because when I was baptised, promises were made to God, and I am here to affirm them now. I plan on living amongst the people of God and to share the word of God with the people around me. I will not just say but act upon my words to follow the example of Jesus. I want to share in the Lord's supper, and strive for justice and peace in this world. Even during this life changing crisis of Covid 19, my faith has not wavered. I intend on growing and living a life of faith until God calls me to his side to walk with him and to fulfill the promised eternal life. My parents had baptised me when I was too young to realise what it truly meant. Now as a young adult, I realise the importance of baptism, and today I reaffirm those statements and my love for God, coming not from my parents, but from me. I owe my life of Christianity to my parents, Claude and Germaine, and my full understanding of it to Paster Mattei, and my mentor Frank DeFrancesco. I desire to be confirmed, so I can fulfil the promises I made to God and to not let down the people that have brought me this far. I want to live in the light of God and walk beside him forever. That is what I truly want. That is why I desire to be confirmed.

Emma's Confirmation Statement

Good morning. I'm Emma, I practically grew up in this church. This is the church my parents got married in and my sister and I got baptized and made our first communions in. Now its my time to confirm my baptism. I know that writing a confirmation statement is part of being confirmed and that we write about why we desire to be confirmed and that we may express our love for the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It made me think ... how am I supposed to explain my love for this without talking forever. So, I have been thinking from time to time about what to say and I decided to open my bible journal where I write my thoughts and what I have learned after reading the word. I came across this page I wrote after reading John 3, and I realized this is why I want to be confirmed, this is why I love the Lord, this is why I want to give my life to the Lord. I wrote... "Although we as Christians feel unworthy and that we have sinned too much, God's love is never ending, it is boundless. That is why God sent Jesus to the world. Not to condemn but to save us. Jesus paid the price for all sinners and whoever believes in him is saved. Now this does not mean that if we believe in Jesus, we are free to sin whenever. It means that when we do sin, He forgives us. We still try our best to live a holy life, but we are human, and we will still sin, but because Jesus paid the ultimate sacrifice we are forgiven. That's the thing, God's love is boundless, and His mercy is endless. It's like when you throw rocks into a big lake... the rocks always get covered up. The rocks represent our sins, and the water represents God's mercy that He has on us. His love and mercy will "cover" our sins because our God is a loving God who wants you to spend eternal life with Him in Heaven." So, what I am saying is I cannot imagine living a life without the Lord. A truth of being a Christian is not that our lives are perfect and we have it together all the time. No, we are all broken and in need of a savior and our savior is Jesus Christ. He has a love for us that this world cannot provide. Just feeling the presence of Jesus, or a worship song, a conversation with a friend about Jesus, a few minutes of reading the word, and even just knowing that God has a plan for each and everyone of us helps me and comforts me so incredibly much and brings me so much joy. One of my favorite bible verses is Isaiah 60:22- "When the time is right, I the Lord will make it happen." This verse reminds me that as much as I want to be in control of everything and when I get upset because something went wrong or did not go as I planned, it was part of God's plan and I cannot always lean on my own understandings and it reminds me that God's plan is so much greater than mine. That is why today I confirm my baptism. I am a child of God who was fearfully and wonderfully made in God's image and is in need of Jesus Christ, my savior and Lord. I promise to live among God's faithful, to strive for peace and justice, to hear and share the word through thought, word and deed, to serve all people, and to try to love like Jesus. I will dedicate my life to Him, and trust in His plan for me forever and always.