"Love Letter" Guidelines

The Confirmation Retreat helps young people discover their own faith. For most of them this faith is what they have learned throughout the years from those close to them. A "Love Letter" is about that faith and love you have with these young people.

As a special feature of this retreat we ask parents, sponsors, grandparents, and other siblings to write a "Love Letter" to the confirmands. It is very important that EACH confirmand receives at least one letter. If any confirmands do not have one then none can be given out.

Ideas for things to write about might be:

- Some of the things that make you proud of your child.
- The hopes and dreams you hold out for him/her.
- What a beautiful human being he/she is and is becoming.
- How happy you are that he/she has chosen to be confirmed.
- Anything else you've always wanted to say, but just didn't get around to.
- Parents have shared some creative love letter ideas, including adding pictures to your letter, religious medals and prayer cards.

The letter should be very positive and life-giving. Please do not hesitate to go the extra mile with what you write. It may have a lasting impact for years to come.

The letter is *kept a secret* until it is given out at the retreat. So, write your letter, seal it, put your child's name on the outside, and drop it off at the St. Joseph CFM office or mail it to St. Joseph CFM, Attention: Lori, S89 W22650 Milwaukee Ave., Big Bend, WI 53103.

If you have questions about the love letters (or any other aspect of the upcoming retreat), please feel free to contact me at 262-662-3317 or llabadie@stjoesbb.com.