

# Assignment: Letter to the Bishop

You are almost done with Confirmation, and the Bishop would like every Confirmation student to write a letter explaining why they would like to be confirmed.

**FINAL DUE DATE: March 12** **(Bring it to your CII Class in February to be edited in class)**

In this letter, include the following information:

- 1) Your name, age and school.
- 2) One to three positive and meaningful experiences that you have had in the Confirmation program (e.g., faith-sharing experiences, service projects and retreats).
- 3) Why you would like to be Confirmed.
- 4) A reflection on the Gospel for your Confirmation. Relate the story below to your Confirmation (see below):  
Hint: your 2 year confirmation preparation (and all the requirements) teaches you to know Jesus in spite of not seeing Jesus in person. You are not a doubting Thomas!
- 5.) Address the Bishop with “Your Excellency, Bishop” in your letter to him. **Turn the letters in without folding them. Joanne will mail them all together, flat.**

John 20:19-31

On the evening of the first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his Hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you,” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God! Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.