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Dear Confirmation candidate,

I am grateful to God that you wish to be confirmed and I look forward to conferring the sacrament of Confirmation upon you, so that you may have all the spiritual gifts you will need to be a faithful young follower of Jesus Christ. Be assured of my prayers.

Kindly write me a letter so that I can know you better and what you are thinking as you prepare for the sacrament. The letter need not be long – a page or so will be sufficient – but give it some thought. Please tell me:

- **How are you preparing for Confirmation (classes, retreats, service projects, talks with your sponsor, prayer and anything else you've done)? What has made the greatest impact upon you?**
- **What do you think Confirmation and the gifts of the Holy Spirit will do for you?**
- **What are some practical ways you can be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ after you are confirmed and be a witness to him in word and deed, especially among your peers?**
- **As you think about your future, do you ever talk to God about it? Have you considered seriously the possibility of serving God and the Church as a priest or religious sister or brother?**

You may give your letter to your Confirmation teacher to forward it to me.

May this time of preparation for Confirmation be a time filled with grace and one in which your faith and that of your family and sponsor grows. May God who has begun this good work in you bring it to fulfillment!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Mark E. Brennan
Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore