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## Confirmation Essay 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

As a Confirmand who will soon be Confirmed it is important that you are able to express the Christian faith in a more personal way. This project is designed to help you write an essay expressing their personal faith in Jesus Christ which will also be presented in a public setting. Use this worksheet as a guide to putting together an essay.

1. Belief statements – write out brief statements about what you believe about God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Write out 6-10 statements about what you believe. (use the these examples as is or rewrite them and add others)

- I believe God, the Father, has made me and all things
- I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior
- I believe the Holy Spirit works in my life
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2. God speaks to us in His Word, the Bible. It is through the God's Word that we learn who God is and of His love for each of us. Choose several Bible verses (2-3) that are meaningful to you and support your belief statements.

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5. Confessing what I believe – Essay and Presentation – using the information and ideas gathered, put together an essay (written) that will be shared (presentation) with other students, parents and members of St John. Essays should be **2-3 pages typed** (double spaced) and should take **several minutes to present**.

### **Essay Outline**

- I. Introduction
  - a. Introduce yourself.
  - b. Share what you believe about your faith using I believe statements
  - c. Introduce your Bible verse
- II. Body of the Essay
  - a. Explain your Bible verse
  - b. How does this verse “defend” or explain your beliefs?
  - c. How does this verse apply to your life?
  - d. share a personal story, experience or other meaningful event in your life.
- III. Conclusion
  - a. Summarize your verse and beliefs again.
  - b. How does what you believe impact your life now and in the future?

#### **Due Dates for 2019:**

**March 3** - Bible Verse Selection

**March 24** - Rough Draft of Essay

**April 14** - Final Draft of Essay

**April 28** - Rehearsal of Presentation??? This is also the final class so not sure if we will do practice of presentations or not this night.

**May 3-5** – Confirmation Weekend

**May 3** – Friday Evening Presentation of Essays

**May 5** – Rite of Confirmation during the 9:00 AM Worship Service

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