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Dear Confirmation Candidate,

All good greetings to you!

I look forward very much to meeting you and to conferring the sacrament of Confirmation upon you. Until then, I will remember you in prayers as you prepare to receive this most wonderful sacrament.

As you prepare for the sacrament, and so that I can know a little bit more about you, I am asking you to write me a short letter in which you share with me your thoughts about being confirmed. **It would be helpful to tell me what you think are the important things you have learned in your preparation so far. Did you have a retreat experience – how did that go? Your service projects – what did they mean to you? During this journey, do you have a good sense of what it means to be a Catholic following as a lifestyle the Gospel teachings of Jesus Christ? Have you spent time with your sponsor?** Your letter need not be long, but I do ask you to give it some thought.

You may give your letter to your confirmation teacher who will forward it to me along with those of the other candidates.

May this time of preparation for confirmation be a source of great grace and peace for you, your family and your sponsor; and may God who began this good work in you bring it to fulfillment.

May God's Peace be Yours,

Rev. Monsignor Jay F. O'Connor
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