



Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church

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Dear Faith Formation Families,

As we continue preparing for the Confirmation retreat on **Saturday, September 12th at 1:00pm**, we invite you to participate in a very special part of the day—our **“Letters from Heaven”** project.

During a quiet time of prayer, each Confirmation candidate will privately open and read a personal letter from their sponsor. This letter is meant to remind them of the deep love, support, and encouragement they have from our Catholic community, especially from those who have walked with them during this sacred journey of faith.

We kindly request that your child’s **sponsor** write a meaningful letter. Their words of affirmation, faith, and hope will truly touch your child's heart and remain with them well beyond their Confirmation day.

If you’re unsure how to begin or what to include, here is a helpful outline of ideas to guide your writing. The only actual requirement is that your letter comes from the heart.

You might include:

- How proud you are of this young person and the effort, service, prayer, and commitment they’ve shown during their Confirmation preparation. Highlight any special gifts, talents, or personal achievements.
- The unique and vital role they play in your family. Share what your hopes are for their future, how they have brought joy and love to your life and others, and how honored you are to be their sponsor.
- A glimpse into your faith journey—how your relationship with God has helped you through challenges, or a personal story of how faith has shaped your life. Share what it means to you to be a Catholic.
- Your prayer is that they will continue to grow in their relationship with God, and your encouragement to trust in Him during life’s ups and downs. Remind them that questions and doubts are a regular part of the journey, and that God will always be with them.

Please place your letter in a sealed envelope with your child's first and last name written on it. You may hand in the letter to the **Parish Center Office** during our office hours. You may also **email the letter as a PDF** to **Brother Richard**, and it will be printed and prepared for the retreat. **All letters must be sent to Brother Richard by 1:00 p.m. on Friday, September 4th.**

If you have any questions or need support with this, feel free to reach out to **Brother Richard**. We are deeply grateful for the love and spiritual guidance you offer these young candidates. Your letter will be a treasured gift and a beautiful part of this retreat experience.

With gratitude,
Brother Richard