

Personal Faith Statement Assignment(update)

Write a one page Personal Faith Statement, to be displayed on the Sunday of your confirmation.

As you write, imagine that a friend or acquaintance has come up to you and said, “So, you’re a Christian? What does that mean to you?” How would you respond?

In your own words, the faith statement should address (*you are encouraged to use these four points as a basic outline for your statement*)...

- 1)What you believe about God—especially Jesus**
- 2)What you believe is the purpose of the Church**
- 3)What you think your role in the Church is**
- 4)What your Christian faith has to do with your everyday life.**

While this is your personal faith statement, on the Sunday of your Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism, you will be asked to publicly affirm *the Christian faith*. That means your statement should be consistent with the teachings and traditions of the Christian Church. So, in preparing your faith statement, it is suggested that you use these resources:

- The Small Catechism
- The Bible
- Notes you’ve taken or handouts you’ve saved from confirmation events
- Reflection on other events and experiences you’ve had in the church
- Conversations with parents and other believers

The statement should be one page, single spaced, in a normal font (no smaller than 12 point).

You should have a **first draft** written and attached to an email sent to Pastor Olin (oknudsens@sbcbglobal.net) by Wednesday, **February 1**. Pastor will respond to this draft by email with suggestions, questions, and comments to help you work on the next draft.

A **second draft** is due (again attached to an email to pastor) by Wednesday, **March 7**. Again, pastor will raise suggestions or comments or questions to guide you to your final draft.

The final draft of your **Personal Faith Statement** will be due Wednesday **April 18**. With Pastor’s approval, you will then head it, “My Personal Faith Statement,” place your name underneath the heading, print it, mount it on red poster board and bring it to church by Wednesday May 12th.

If there are any questions or concerns about this assignment, please contact Pastor Olin at (214)534-2759, or at **oknudsens@sbcbglobal.net**.