

A letter from Bishop Chris:

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." (1Peter 3:15)

As a disciple of Jesus Christ, it's important that you are able to give a "testimony" about the hope you have in Jesus. I believe it is a good practice for all Christians, and especially for confirmands, to be able to concisely share how we came to Christ and why it matters to us.

As such, I would like for you, in preparation for your confirmation, to write a SHORT testimony, less than a page, and give it to me and to your rector (and where applicable, your youth pastor). This is not a test! Rather, it's a tool to help you be prepared to fulfill the call God has for you as a disciple and minister of Christ. The attached document is meant to provide a structure to help rather than constrain. And please try to avoid religious jargon - imagine you are preparing this for a friend or loved one whom you hope will know Jesus as you do.

I am praying for you as you prepare for your confirmation.

Blessings,

Chris Warner, Bishop Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic



## SHARING YOUR STORY

Your "story" or "testimony" is one of the most effective ways to share the good news of your life in Christ with others. People may have different perceptions about their beliefs; however, your story is yours alone and it's a powerful witness of God to others. Follow the outline below to help develop your story into a concise, meaningful testimony that will share His light and love with others. Aim for being able to share your story in 5 minutes or less.

Write one or two significant events that fall under each part of this outline.

- a. My life before Christ:
  - c. My life since accepting Christ: