

## **What does confirmation mean to you?**

### **Lucas White**

For me, being confirmed has become one of the most important decisions in my life. Church has transformed from being a place I just go to serve on Sundays to a place where I go to learn and interact.

The confirmation process has encouraged me to become more active in the church and encouraged me to reach out and connect with so many of you. While I've been going here for years, I've truly met and made great relationships these past couple of months and it's been such an amazing experience. I love the strong community we have here and I'm blessed to be a part of it. While I don't know where life will take me, I will always remember all of the little coffee hour chats I had with you all; for, in those brief conversations, there are constant reminders of being the good-natured, selfless people God would like us all to be.

All of you inspired me to follow this confirmation path and I would like to thank all of you for the wonderful encouragement in this process, as well as all those who have helped me along in my college process, you were all there to help me, so many people would ask me what I'm considering and would always give their own advice and it really aided me in my decision. Raewynne and I have even spoke about finding an episcopal church in Brooklyn for me to attend while I'm at school.

Finally I'd like to thank Raewynne for guiding me in class, teaching me about the bible, Jesus and the gospel, and I'd like to thank Derek for going through the process with me. For me, confirmation is being accepted into an amazing and loving community. It's encouraged me to take the word of God and live it.

### **Derek Lally**

At this time of my life, the possibilities are open. You can go to college, not go to college. For the most part, it's your choice. And the it's kind of the same thing with confirmation to me. It's a point where it's not so much a feeling that I'm done, that I don't have to do anything else; it's a feeling that what I want to choose now is whatever I want to choose.

One of the things I really enjoyed when I made confirmation was the sermon we received from the bishop. It was about Jesus trying to get Peter to say "I love you" three times, to kind of counteract that he'd denied him three times. Ironically I was Peter and Lucas was Jesus when we did the play a few months ago.

And that really stuck out to me: the moral of the sermon was a similar idea. Instead of just talking the talk, walk the walk — actually go out and do something in the community.

When I go to church it's a nice feeling just because I'm surrounded by people who do that, who don't just talk the talk, they participate, they want to help other people, everyone's nice, no one judges you.

To me it was a very was a very developing experience and I don't think I'd be the same without it. So I want to thank all of you for that.

Confirmation is a great experience. I don't think you really appreciate it enough when you're going through it, but when you look back on it you realized how much it's changed you. It's like high school: you don't really think about it when you're going through it, but when you look back at it, you think, that was a really good time. I wish I could be there again.

So thank you all so much.