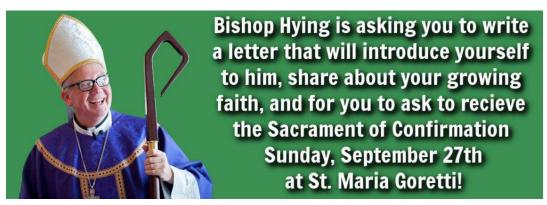
Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not, ' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

This is the Gospel that will be proclaimed at your Confirmation!



Bishop of Madison THE MOST REVEREND Donald Hying

The youngest of six sons, Bishop Donald Joseph Hying was born in West Allis, Wisconsin, to parents Albert and Catherine Hying on August 18, 1963. He attended St. Aloysius and Immaculate Heart of Mary grade schools, and Brookfield Central High School. Bishop Hying received his bachelor's degree from Marquette University and his master's degree from St. Francis Seminary.

On November 24, 2014, His Holiness, Pope Francis, appointed Bishop Hying as the Fourth Bishop of Gary (Indiana). Bishop Hying's installation in the Diocese of Gary took place on January 6, 2015. On April 25, 2019, His Holiness, Pope Francis, appointed Most Reverend Donald J. Hying the Fifth Bishop of Madison (Wisconsin). Bishop Hying's installation in the Diocese of Madison took place on June 25, 2019.

Bishop Hying serves as the Episcopal Liaison for the National Association of Catholic Chaplains and as Episcopal Advisor to the U.S. Society of St. Vincent de Paul. He is also a member of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee to Aid the Church in Central and

Eastern Europe and the Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People and the Committee on Catholic Education.

Here are the prompts to help you write your letter to the Bishop.

This is a LETTER – not a tweet or an Instagram post. It's a letter. Each prompt is deserving of a paragraph. That's 3-5 sentences per prompt. Hastily written or very short letters will be returned back to you to be written over. Please send me these letters by email – JGregory@blsacrament.org - no later than Sunday, August 23, 2020. Do not wait until the last minute to write this letter. Thank you!

Confirmation Letters

- 1) Introduce yourself and your family. Share about your school, school activities and sports, hobbies, favorite subjects etc. that you may be involved in.
- 2) Share who your sponsor is and why you chose them to be your Sponsor. How has your Sponsor helped you group in your faith?
- 3) Tell the Bishop how has your faith deepened and changed during the two year Confirmation Preparation. How have you seen growth in your faith, what questions have been answered for you?
- 4) What Saint did you chose as your saint name for Confirmation and why? What is it about their faith story that attracted you to choosing them?
- 5) What Christian service projects have you participated in over the last 2 years? Share with the Bishop a little about these experiences. How did you help your community and parish?
- 6) How have your teachers and groups (retreat and class groups) helped you grow in your faith?
- 7) The Gospel Reading for our Confirmation Mass is included here what does this Gospel challenge you to do or what meaning does it have for you? Tell the Bishop...
- 8) What role does faith have in your life and what does it mean personally to you to be a part of the Catholic Church?
- 9) Tell the Bishop WHY you want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- 10) Ask to be Confirmed in the Spirit on Sunday, September 27th (**One sentence for this one**)
- 11) If you have any prayer requests, ask the Bishop to pray for you and then say goodbye and sign the letter. (This is up to you how long you go on this one, but please ask him to pray for you and your family and your faith!