



I BELIEVE...

This should be a typed, well thought out paper. There is no expectation of length. However, it should be thorough, in your own words, and cover each of the 7 paragraphs touching on as many of the bullet points listed below as you like. This will be part of the discussion in your interview.

Reflect on these 7 paragraph topics before writing:

- 1) What do you believe about God?
 - God's existence
 - origins
 - place in our lives
 - how God communicates with human beings
- 2) What do you believe about Jesus?
 - Son of God?
 - just a good man?
 - did he resurrect from the dead?
 - is he part of a Trinitarian Godhead—Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
- 3) Which of the statements in the Apostles Creed do you believe in?
- 4) What do you believe about evil in the world?
 - why it happens?
 - why innocent people suffer?
 - about whether there is an evil spirit called the devil?
 - this spirit's impact on the world?
- 5) What do you believe about money, power, wealth, poverty?
 - are there "deserving and undeserving poor"?
 - do wealthy people need to be more generous with their wealth?
 - are poor people poor because of some flaw in their character?
- 6) What do you believe about death and the world to come, or do you believe there is even a world to come?
- 7) In short, what are some of the essential, core beliefs that drive your life and guide you in how you live?

DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR NAME ON YOUR PAPER!

**Turn in your paper to the Faith Formation office
when you come to class by the established deadline.**