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Dear Candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation,

First of all, I thank you for taking this step in your life asking to be confirmed in the Holy Spirit. I look forward to meeting you and celebrating this wonderful sacrament with you in Spring 2008. Know that you are in my prayers during this important preparation time and I ask that you and your fellow candidates keep me in your prayers.

A crucial part of my own preparation for celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation is to learn about your own decision to be confirmed, your reflection on your preparation and your own expectations in taking this major step in your faith life. I ask you to take some time to write me a short letter that tells of your Confirmation journey and also include in that letter a passage from the Bible that you find meaningful and inspiring in your life. Your letter does not have to be a long one, but a reflection on your group meetings, service projects, your sponsor and your Confirmation name.

You may give your letter to your confirmation teacher who will forward it to me along with those of the other candidates. I thank you for taking the time in allowing me to get to know you a little better before your Confirmation day.

As you approach the time of Confirmation, may God's grace continue to work in bringing you closer to the Lord Jesus. May your family, your sponsor and your friends also know the peace that Jesus brings. Let us keep one another in prayer as we seek to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit, who is the source of our joy in the Lord Jesus.

God bless you,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
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