**Diocese of Allentown *First Trimester* Writing Prompt**

**Genre: Informative Grade(s): 5-8**

**Sent: September 27, 2017 Due: November 3, 2017**

You will have 2+ class periods to plan, write, and proofread your response to this writing prompt.

**Writing Prompt:**

**The Diocese of Allentown has purchased land in order to build a new school for grades 5-8. Students in grades five through eight are being asked to suggest three ideas for the construction of the school. Think about what innovations, facilities, and equipment should be considered when the building designers are planning construction.**

Write a **three to** **five** (*7th and 8th grades are required to write a five paragraph essay)* paragraph essay presenting your construction ideas. Make sure to include a topic sentence and the three main ideas which support it.

**ROLE**: student

**AUDIENCE**: the Diocese of Allentown administration

**FOCUS**: construction plans for new school

**TOPIC**: ideas for the school design and construction .

**Plan**

*Before you write:*

Read the prompt carefully so you understand exactly what you are being asked to do.

Think about the topic and your audience.

Use an appropriate graphic organizer to organize your thoughts.

**Write**

*As you write:*

Refer to your graphic organizer to keep your thoughts organized.

Write a topic sentence.

Support your main idea with specific details.

Write a good conclusion.

Be sure to include interesting words and varied sentences.

Use proper grammar, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.

Make sure your essay is written in **TAP** (third person, active voice, present tense)

**Proofread**

*After you write:*

Read your paragraph.

Do your sentences make sense?

Will the reader be able to understand what you are communicating?

Is your spelling, grammar,capitalization, and punctuation correct?

Did you check the rubric for expectations?