

A LETTER TO THE BISHOP

REQUESTING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Each candidate is required to write a letter to the Bishop stating your desire to be confirmed. The letter is your own description of your personal faith journey so far. The letter is also a reflection of you and of our Faith Formation Program. Please write what is in your heart and take this step toward Confirmation seriously.

The following are the guidelines for your letter. These topics should be covered in your own words, and your own style.

All letters should be typed. Please check your spelling and grammar. Sign your name at the bottom of your letter.

GREETING

Begin your letter with the greeting. You may use, "Your Excellency," "Dear Bishop Fisher" or "Dear Bishop Mike"

BODY OF THE LETTER:

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| Paragraph 1 | Introduce yourself. Say something about your family, your education and your parish. |
| Paragraph 2 | Ask for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Give several reasons why you want to be confirmed. |
| Paragraph 3 | Explain how you have prepared for the Sacrament. It is important to tell about specific parts of your preparation: your prayer life, celebration of other Sacraments, your service work, your sponsor and why you chose them, and your saint and why you chose that particular saint. |
| Paragraph 4 | Tell what difficulties young people today face and how you will continue to carry out your life of faith and service to God and His People. Tell how you think the Holy Spirit will help you in your future. |

CONCLUSION

Conclude your letter with your signature including your full name (first and last).

There is no "right" way to write this letter. Everyone's letter will be different as each person and their experiences are different. Please check the due date for this letter which is listed on a separate sheet. Sr. Joanne will be delivering these letters to the Bishop's office soon after this date.

If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Joanne at (716) 803-6049 or sisterjoanne@yahoo.com.