

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. They are also a reflection on both you and on St. John Paul II Parish, so please write what is in your heart and take this endeavor seriously.

Here are some guidelines. These topics should be covered, in your own words and style.

All letters should be **typed** and you should check your spelling and grammar.

GREETING

Begin your letter with the greeting – Your Excellency

BODY OF LETTER

- Paragraph 1 Introduce yourself. Say something about your family, your education and your parish
- Paragraph 2 Request the sacrament. Give several reasons why you would like to be confirmed
- Paragraph 3 Explain how you have prepared for the sacrament. It is important that you tell about specific parts of your preparation: your prayer life, your celebration of the other sacraments, your service hours, your sponsor's name and why you chose them and/or your saint's name and why you chose it.
- Paragraph 4 Tell what difficulties young people today face and how you will continue to carry out your life of service to God and others through the power of the Holy Spirit. Tell how you plan to make your Confirmation in the Faith real and alive in your life.

CONCLUSION

Conclude the letter and include your complete signature

There is no “right” way to write this letter. Everyone's will be different, as each of you have had a different experience. Most importantly is should be your own work and a personal reflection of your journey.

You should turn your letter into your Confirmation teacher or Mrs. Zagorski by the date on the Important Date Documents. You may also email your letter to Mrs. Zagorski at dzagorski@scsri.org. She will be delivering them to the bishop's office in Providence.

Please contact Mrs. Zagorski at 401-723-9463, ext. 12 or via email at dzagorski@scsri.org.