

Requesting the Sacrament

MY LETTER TO THE BISHOP



You are free to respond to God's call to live your faith more deeply—to worship, witness, and serve as a confirmed Christian. If you wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, write a letter of request to your bishop starting your desire.

Follow these guidelines.

GREETING

Begin your letter with the greeting: Dear Bishop _____ ,

BODY OF THE LETTER

Paragraph 1:

Introduce yourself. Tell something about your family, your background, and your Parish Community. Name of Catechist.

Paragraph 2:

What made the greatest impression on you during confirmation preparation and why?

What is your relationship with Jesus?

Who helped you be a person of faith?

Paragraph 3:

Request the Sacrament. Give several reasons why you would like to be confirmed.

Paragraph 4:

Explain how you have prepared for the sacrament. It is important that you talk about specific parts of your preparation: your prayer life, your celebration of the sacraments, your service for others exercised at home and within the parish, your retreats experience.

Paragraph 5:

Tell why you chose your sponsor and how you plan on sharing your gifts with your Parish.

CONCLUSION

Conclude the letter and write your complete signature.

DUE DATE

LETTER MUST BE HANDWRITTEN

Do not seal your letter individually in an envelope as this is wasteful.