



Your Letter to the Bishop

Your letter to the bishop will first be read by the pastor as it is his responsibility to make sure that the candidates for confirmation at this parish are properly disposed to receive the sacrament. He then presents the letters of those deemed ready to receive confirmation to the bishop.

This letter should contain the following:

- ✓ A statement of your faith in God.
- ✓ Some reasons as to why you wish to receive confirmation.
- ✓ Some ideas as to how you intend to keep living your faith AFTER confirmation.
- ✓ Mention something that influenced you in your faith journey (a parent, friend . . .)
- ✓ Anything else you would like the bishop to know.
- ✓ The content of the letter should be a minimum of a page.

Please have your letter checked by a parent or teacher before submitting. I will be giving these letters to the bishop as a representation of your faith and desire for this sacrament. Therefore letters containing mistakes in grammar or lacking in neatness or form will be returned for corrections. The due date will be set by your teacher in the fall (but consider getting it in early and out of your hair!)

According to proper Church protocol the salutation of the letter should be:

- ✓ Your Excellency (or)
- ✓ Most Reverend Sir (or)
- ✓ Dear Bishop

The complimentary close should read:

- ✓ Respectfully yours, (or)

✓ Sincerely yours in Christ,

It may be typed or hand written. If it is written by hand it should be in ink with no mistakes as is fitting of young ladies and gentlemen. Your address should also appear at the top of the page in the event he should decide to write back to you.