

Required Format

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Please include your name, age, grade and school in the upper-right corner of your letter.

All letters must be one 8.5 x11-inch page, typed in legible 10-pt. font with standard margins.

Illegible and/or incomplete research will be returned to be redone.

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 25, 2020.



St. Boniface Catholic Church

Confirmation Requirement

Letter to the Bishop

Each candidate is required to write a letter to the Bishop expressing the desire to be confirmed. The letter is a description of your personal faith journey, so write what is in your heart and take this seriously.

Please use the guidelines below. These topics should be covered in your own words and style. All letters should be typed and checked for spelling and grammar.

Greeting: Begin your letter with the greeting, Dear Bishop.

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 him/her.

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, it should be your own work and a personal reflection of your faith journey.

Sample Letter

This letter is intended as a guide and should not be copied.

Dear Bishop,

My name is John [Jane] Smith. I am currently in eighth/ninth grade at [school name] and I belong to St. Boniface parish in Springfield, GA. I have an older brother and a younger sister. I have lived in Effingham County all my life. I enjoy playing sports, watching TV, and having fun with my friends.

I am writing you today to request to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. I want to be confirmed because I want to deepen my relationship with Jesus. I know that when I receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, I will be more fully equipped to face the challenges that I will have in the future. I want my Catholic faith to always be a big part of my life, and I know that Confirmation will give me the grace that I need to do that.

I have worked hard in preparation for Confirmation. I began my preparation in seventh grade, reviewing important information about Jesus, the Bible and the Church. I have chosen my Confirmation saint, [saint name], whom I admire very much because [reason]. I participated in all of my classes, which taught me a great deal about the faith. I also completed my service hours, as well as found a sponsor, which helped me see the importance of serving others, which is something Jesus always likes to see.

Once I am confirmed, I will continue to live my Catholic faith for the rest of my life. I will go to Mass on Sundays, and try to make it to Confession more often. I will continue to learn about my faith by reading the Bible and listening more closely to those who talk to me about doing the will of God. I look forward to meeting you when you come to St. Boniface to celebrate Confirmation.

Sincerely,

[Signature here]

John [Jane] Smith [Typed]