

LETTER TO THE BISHOP Instructions

Dear Candidates:

God has called you by name and you have responded by saying “Yes” to the great gift of Confirmation. This is a blessed moment in your life.

Take some time at home to express this decision in writing to the bishop who will confirm you. The letter should clearly express the fact (1) that receiving the sacrament is your decision, (2) that you are preparing for the sacrament through study and instruction, and (3) that you have already accepted the responsibility of living a mature Christian life by being of service to the community. Give examples of what you have done for Christian service during these last two years.

Below is an example of what you might say to the bishop in your letter. Do not copy the letter, but include the three points that were mentioned above.

(Date)

Dear Bishop Sullivan,

I have been preparing for the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation. I am asking to be confirmed in my faith and “sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.”

As I get older, I realize that more and more maturity will be expected from me. This is true of my faith life also. I would like to be strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit as I begin this important task.

To prepare for this sacrament, I have faithfully attended the catechetical instructions at my parish and tried to be of service to others by (list here the specific service programs you took part in). In the future, I intend to continue serving the community because (say why here).

As you can see, I’ve chosen to be part of the mission of Christ. I am requesting the sacrament of Confirmation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
(name signed)

(name printed)
Confirmation candidate of Sts. John and Paul Parish