

LETTER TO THE PASTOR REQUESTING CONFIRMATION

Because the Pastor is called on by the Bishop during the actual rite of Confirmation to affirm that each of the Candidates truly desires to be confirmed and has prepared well for the Sacrament, our Pastor needs to know your reasons for wanting to be confirmed in order to better determine your readiness for Confirmation.

Please write a letter to the Father Jim explaining your reasons for wanting to be confirmed and outlining ways in which you intend to live as a confirmed Catholic who is fully initiated into the Body of Christ and the Saint John the Baptist Parish community.

Use the format below and include the information listed in the sample letter. Use 12-point Times New Roman font, check your spelling/punctuation and send your letter to Father Jim at the rectory e-mail address of: churchlady@rochester.rr.com. For the e-mail subject line, write "Conf. Letter to Pastor" and please e-mail a copy of your letter to the religious education department on the e-mail: stjohnsspirit@aol.com.

Sample Letter

Dear Father Jim,

Paragraph 1: Introduce yourself. Say something about your family or your background.

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: for example, your prayer life, your celebration of the other sacraments, your service to others in your home and community. You may discuss your saint name, how you chose your sponsor, and/or a part of the confirmation preparation process that meant a lot to you.

Paragraph 4: Tell 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.

Sincerely,
Your full name

This is due by December 15th.