

WRITING A LETTER TO THE CONFIRMING BISHOP (DUE SUN JAN 16, 2022)

Prior to Confirmation, each confirmation candidate is required to write a letter to the confirming bishop. **Bishop Schuerman** will be the confirming presider at Confirmation this year.

The letter *must* include:

1. Your name
2. The Candidate's desire/request to be confirmed and why they want to be confirmed
3. A few details on how you prepared for Confirmation (formation sessions, retreats, service, etc.,).
4. Your chosen Confirmation name/Saint & why you chose them
5. Who your sponsor is and why you chose them
6. How you plan to make their Confirmation real and alive in your life
7. 1-2 things they would like the bishop to know about you

Each letter should be typed in 12-point font, double-spaced, and no longer than 1 page.

- Be sure to include your name at the bottom TYPED and SIGNED in ink after you print it
- The letter should be neatly folded and placed into an envelope labeled "[*Confirmation name*] Bishop Letter"
 - A. DO NOT fold the envelope.
 - B. DO NOT include anything other than the letter to the bishop in the envelope.
- **Letters to the Bishop are due in the Religious Education office by January 16, 2022 so they can be forwarded to the bishop.**

Below is an example of how you might format your letter to the bishop. Write to the bishop with seriousness and respect – but also write 'from your heart'.

Date

Dear Bishop Schuerman,

Paragraph 1

Paragraph 2

Paragraph 3 ending with a formal statement requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation

Gratefully,

Jane Doe (typed)

Jane Doe (signed by hand)

Confirmation Candidate of (your parish name here)