

Letter to Archbishop John Wester

Confirmation Year II

2018-2019

Rough Draft due: Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Final Letter due: Wednesday, March 6, 2019

The following is a guideline for writing your letter to Archbishop John Wester. The rough draft needs to be brought to class on February 13, 2019. The Director of Religious Education will review your letter and add comments if needed. If corrections are necessary, the letter will be returned to you by February 27, 2019. You will then need to make the corrections and return the final letter by March 6, 2019. It is important for all letters be turned **in on time**.

*You may email your letter to REAssist@scpll.org. If you do not get a reply saying that we received your letter, please call the office at 865-9370.

Once the letters are received they are mailed to the Archbishop. The Archbishop does read all letters. It is important that you follow the guidelines below.

YOUR LETTER NEEDS TO BE IN THE FOLLOWING FORMAT:

Use size 12 font, single space, double space between paragraphs

Paragraph 1: Introduce yourself as a member of San Clemente Parish in Los Lunas who is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Paragraph 2: In your own words, tell the Archbishop why you want to be confirmed and what you like about being Catholic.

Paragraph 3: Tell the Archbishop how you are going to support the parish with your time and talents.

Paragraph 4: Specify which Saint you chose and why you chose them to be your Confirmation Saint. Be specific as to which Saint you chose as there are many Saints with the same name. Also, explain which virtues your Saint has and how you will imitate these virtues in your life today.

Paragraph 5: Tell whom you chose as your Sponsor and why you chose them.

Paragraph 6: Thank the Archbishop for the opportunity to be confirmed and let him know you will pray for him.

Sample Letter on Back

(SAMPLE LETTER: DO NOT COPY AND PASTE THIS SAMPLE)

March 6, 2019 – *Date written out* –

The Most Reverend John Wester – *Single Spaced*-
Archdiocese of Santa Fe
The Catholic Center
4000 St. Joseph Place NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120

Most Reverend Archbishop John,

My name is John Doe and I am a member of San Clemente Parish in Los Lunas preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

I would like to be confirmed because in the Sacrament of Confirmation, I believe that I will be sealed with the Holy Spirit which will make me a soldier of Christ and I will receive the sanctifying grace I need to live a better life. I will also receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, especially wisdom and fortitude, which will help me to live as Jesus wants me to. What I like most about being a Catholic is we have the seven Sacraments, most importantly the Eucharist. In the Eucharist, we as Catholics believe that Jesus Christ is really and truly made present. All of the other Sacraments point toward the Eucharist because in the Eucharist we have Jesus Christ himself, the source and summit of our faith.

I am going to support my parish by helping as an usher during mass, because I believe that my friendly personality will be well-suited to assisting in this area. I also regularly participate in Life Teen, and when I am older, I hope to join the Knights of Columbus.

I have chosen St Maximilian Kolbe as my Saint for Confirmation. I chose St Maximilian because of his great devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and also for his great courage. He showed courage when he hid many Jewish refugees during World War II and especially when he became a Martyr by standing up in the face of death and taking the place of another prisoner who was going to be put to death by starvation. I have a great love for our Mother Mary and through the prayers of St. Maximilian Kolbe I hope to be granted greater courage in my faith.

I chose my uncle, George Smith as my confirmation sponsor. He has always been important to me. He is a good role model for me to look up to. He is a faithful Catholic who regularly goes to Adoration and is involved in Church activities.

Archbishop Wester, I want to thank you for the privilege of Confirmation and for your prayers and I will pray for you.

Sincerely,

Sign your letter here above your typed name

John Doe