

Letter to the Bishop

DUE FEBRUARY 27th

Each candidate for the reception of Confirmation is to make a formal request to the bishop to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The request is made in an individual handwritten letter to the bishop.

The individual letters for each parish are collected and delivered to the bishop as a group.

Letters will be read by Fr. Dan and Mrs. Behrend prior to being sent to the bishop.

Letters to the Bishop need to be:

1. HANDWRITTEN in black or blue ink.
2. On a clean sheet of notebook/letter paper, not torn spiral notebook paper.
3. Follow friendly letter style, as the attached example follows.
4. Use proper spelling, grammar, and punctuation.
5. Must close your letter with your NAME and SIGNATURE.
6. Please be thoughtful and reflective while writing this letter. The bishop will read all of the letters prior to the celebration of the Confirmation Liturgy. Some bishops have been known to bring a few of the letters with him and may refer to them during his homily.
7. Use the sample letter as a guide.

Sample Letter to the Bishop-Handwritten in Pen- DUE FEBRUARY 27th

Month, day, year

Dear Bishop Michael, Rev. Serbicki, and Mrs. Behrend,

First Paragraph: Identify yourself and mention that you are a member of St. John the Baptist Church in Alden. Explain that you are seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Second Paragraph: Explain why you want to be confirmed. Incorporate the role God and faith has played in your life. Possibly include any people in your life who have influenced you spiritually and lead you to your decision to seek Confirmation. Explain how you intend to contribute to the parish in the future through volunteering or otherwise enriching the lives of others in the church.

Third Paragraph: Describe who you have chosen as your Confirmation saint and why you have chosen this particular saint.

Fourth Paragraph: Explain how being confirmed will make a difference in your life/ how you will utilize the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. What are the unique gifts God has given you for the purpose of building up His Church and caring for our brothers and sisters in Christ? *Close this paragraph with the sentence: For the reasons explained above, I am requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation.*

Use here either... Respectfully or Sincerely,

Print Your Name

Sign Your Name