

St. Gregory the Great
Confirmation Preparation 2019-20

LETTER TO THE BISHOP

All Candidates will write a letter to **Auxiliary Bishop Jeffery Haines** requesting to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from him on May 19th. This letter is to be composed by the candidate (with help from the sponsor if needed). The letter must be turned in by **March 1** .

The letter must be **typed**. The candidate is to **sign** his/her name to the letter. The following is a suggested outline for the letter:

1. State your intention to be confirmed in the Catholic Church.
2. Explain why you want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.
3. Explain the importance of Confirmation in your life.
4. What have you learned, how have you prepared or how have you grown during Confirmation Prep?
5. Who is your saint (background) and why did you chose this particular saint?
6. You can include a description of service projects you participated in and how they affected you.
7. How do you plan on participating in the Mission of the Catholic Church after Confirmation (in 12th grade, in college, in the workplace, etc.)?
8. Thank the bishop for coming to St. Gregory the Great for Confirmation.

- Letters are to be typed! **No handwritten letters**. Letters should be single spaced, font of 12 or 14.
- **Do NOT send your letter directly to the Bishop**. I will be collecting them and sending all the letters together in a packet to the bishop.
- Do NOT fold the letters nor place them in individual envelopes.
- Remember to use your spell check and have someone proof read your letter. **For example: CONFIRMATION is spelled with an "I" it is not Confirmation**
- **Deadline = March 1, 2020.**
- (See the reverse side of this page for a general letter template.)

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Sample letter template for Letter to the Auxiliary Bishop

(Date)

Most Reverend Jeffery Haines

3501 S. Lake Dr.
P.O. Box 070912
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912

Dear Bishop Haines

(Your letter)

Paragraph 1: Introduce yourself

- Tell about your family
- Tell about where you go to school
- Tell about your hobbies/school activities

Paragraph 2:

- State your intention to be confirmed in the Catholic Church.
- Explain why you want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Explain the importance of Confirmation in your life.

Paragraph 3:

- What have you learned, how have you prepared or how have you grown during Confirmation Prep?
- Tell about the saint/ Confirmation name and why you chose that name.

Paragraph 4:

- Include a description of service projects you participated in and how they affected you.
- How do you plan on participating in the Mission of the Catholic Church after Confirmation (in 12th grade, in college, in the workplace, etc.)?

Paragraph 5:

- Thank him for coming to St. Gregory the Great for Confirmation.

Sincerely,

(Your signature)

(Your Printed Name,)

(Your Parish Name, City, State)