

Guidelines for writing your letter to the Bishop

The purpose of writing a letter to the Bishop is to state your personal desire to be Confirmed; you are asking him and telling him why you are wishing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. It is your own description of your personal faith journey so far.

Here are some thoughts you might want to include in the body of your letter. Choose as they apply to you:

- Explain why you want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, detailing a little of your own Faith Journey and how you, personally, have come to the decision to say “yes” to Christ in this Sacrament. How did you come to this decision?
- Introduce yourself, tell the Bishop a bit about your family. Each family is unique, and they shape who we are, let him know something about that.
- What is important to you? School, family, friends, sports, leisure? What are you passionate about?
- What brings you joy?
- Who in your life has been a shining example to you? Parents, grandparents, siblings, teachers, sponsors? Have you watched a neighbour or family member overcome a struggle, did this affect you personally, did you learn a lesson that will help you in your future?
- Are you participating in any extracurricular activities? Sports, music, or learning a new language.
- Confirmation is the affirmation of your Baptism and the commitment to live the Gospel and spread the Gospel message. Give a couple of realistic examples of how you plan to live “Confirmation” after you have received the Sacrament. Think of the things you did for your service project.

- Mention your sponsor by name, his/her relationship to you, and the reason you chose him/her as your Confirmation Sponsor.
- Tell what difficulties young people today face and 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.

BUSINESS LETTER FORMAT

Your Name

Street Address

City, Province, Postal Code

Date

Most Rev. William McGrattan

Catholic Pastoral Centre

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Calgary, AB. T2S 2T2

Dear Recipient Name:

You will probably need more space than this, use more paper as needed.

Sincerely,

<Your actual signature>

Your Name - typed