

LETTER TO THE BISHOP GUIDELINES

Each candidate is required to write a letter to the Bishop asking to be accepted as a candidate for Confirmation. Candidates should use their own words, and incorporate the following:

I, _____, ask to be accepted as a candidate for Confirmation.

Tell him a little bit about yourself (4— 5 sentences).

I have been preparing my heart (explain how) and my mind (explain how) to receive this special gift.

My favorite scripture passage is: _____ because _____

In receiving this sacrament, I realize that more will be expected of me. Some of these responsibilities include.....

I especially feel that Confirmation will help me (think of your relationship with God and others and/or what you may face in the future)....

I am grateful that I belong to the Catholic Church and look forward to becoming fully initiated into the Church because.....

I am grateful for your pastoral leadership....

Please save the letter on your computer or flash drive in case changes need to be made.

Please be careful for grammatical or spelling errors.

Font: Times New Roman, 12 point

Do not address an envelope, the letters will be presented as a group from our Parish

SEE EXAMPLE ON REVERSE

BISHOP LETTER EXAMPLE

Date: _____

John Smith (Candidate Name)

115 South Street (Candidate Address)

Hendersonville, TN. 37075

Your Excellency,

I, _____ ask to be accepted as a candidate for Confirmation. I was born in Rutland, Vermont into a Catholic family. I have been baptized and have received communion as a child and now I am hoping to be confirmed. I moved to Hendersonville back in 2000, I have a younger brother named Thomas.

I have been preparing my heart for confirmation by helping others, volunteering, and doing my hours for confirmation; my mind by keeping my faith with the lord and praying daily no matter what to receive this special gift. My favorite scripture is Isaiah 41:10, because it tells us that no matter what, God will always watch and guide us to the kingdom of heaven. In receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, I realize I will have more responsibilities including community service, keeping my faith strong, etc. I feel especially that confirmation will help me by being closer to the Christ and becoming a better person.

I look forward to becoming fully initiated to the Catholic Church and becoming closer to God. I am grateful for your pastoral leadership to guide and help us for Confirmation. I look forward to the celebration of Confirmation.

I have the honor to be, Your Excellency,

Signature of Candidate

Type Your Full Name