

Letter to the Bishop

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During these past 1 1/2 years you have expressed your desire to be confirmed in many ways—through your attendance and participation in class and in group gatherings, by your service to others, in the growth in your faith life through prayer, Mass, and the Sacraments. You have therefore shown that you want to belong fully to the Catholic Christian Community of Holy Spirit Parish. The initiation process, begun for you at Baptism by your parents and by the Church, is soon to be completed at your Confirmation.

It is now time for you to officially request Confirmation from the Bishop of the Diocese of Orange who will come to confer the sacrament. It is the custom here to do this through a letter.

The following information should be included in the letter:

Date

Your Excellency (insert name of Bishop here):

1. Your name, age, school you attend, and your Parish.
2. The reason why you want to be confirmed and what you have been doing to prepare for this Sacrament.
3. State your Confirmation Name and why you chose that Saint.
4. State how you plan on living out your Christian commitment after confirmation (i.e., going to Mass weekly, serving the Church, What qualities of Jesus you want to live out in your life)
5. An explanation of what the Gospel reading chosen for the Confirmation Mass means to you. (We will inform you the date and the Gospel reading) What is Jesus saying?
6. You may add anything else you think important. State the service projects, retreat experiences and workshops you have participated in and what you have gotten out of those experiences. For example, how you feel you have grown during this time of preparation...or how your service to others may have helped you to grow...or how time spent with your Sponsor may have helped you, how the retreats have helped you in your relationship with Jesus, who is the saint you want to emulate in your life.
7. Finally, a formal request to be confirmed.

I have the honor to be, Your Excellency.

Type and sign your name

Important Directions:

- Your letter must be typed on a clean, unfolded, 8 1/2" x 11" piece of white paper.
- Your letter should be at least one page long.
- Please write your letter to [Bishop Brown](#) or his designated Bishop (TBA)
- Remember, this is a letter, so all of the sentences should be complete thoughts and not just a list of answers to the above questions.
- **The letter must be handed in at your confirmation interview.** You cannot turn them in early and will be reviewed by the minister interviewing you.