

Writing a Letter to the Bishop

The purpose of the letter is to tell the Bishop celebrating the sacrament that you are ready to receive the Sacrament and Confirmation and to allow him to get to know you.

Be sure to express your own thoughts and opinions. He does read the letters!

Please return the completed letter, correctly titled and signed, to the Youth Ministry Office when you come in for you Confirmation interview (the summer after your second year of Confirmation prep).

**We will bulk mail all the letters.
They do not need to be sealed in an envelope.**

Suggested format:

Dear Bishop Haines:

- Begin with a few personal words introducing yourself, your name, age, school and parish.
- Tell a little more about yourself personally, your favorite subject, any sports, jobs, etc...
- Share your desire to be confirmed
- The name of the saint you have chosen for this sacrament should be mentioned along with your reason for choosing that particular saint (**must include this**)
- Include a statement or two about the growth of your faith: past, present, future
- A description of your service activities and the effect of them on your life
- How you see yourself participating in the Mission of the Church as adults
- Conclude with a personal word to him, thanking him for celebrating the sacrament or wishing him well in his difficult position, maybe promising to pray for him, etc.

Sincerely,

Sign and Type your Name