

## **Confirmation Request Letter to Bishop**

Due in class the week of January 4,5,6 2016 to your teacher

Each Confirmation Candidate will be responsible for writing a formal letter to the Bishop requesting to participate in the Confirmation program. This letter will be reviewed by the pastor as well. We strongly suggest that this letter be written with the help of the sponsor and proof read by a parent.

The following format should be used; however it should not be plagiarized. This is a sample:

Date

To: Bishop Rojas

**The first paragraph** should state that you would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Stephen parish, that you will take responsibility for the requirements necessary to be confirmed.

**Sample 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph:** My name is \_\_\_\_\_, I am a Confirmation Candidate at St. Stephen Parish. I am looking forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on March 12, 2016. I recognize that this is a big step in my faith journey and I am willing to accept the responsibility to prepare to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. I have been in the Religious Education program for eight years and have focused on preparing for Confirmation for the last two years. I have learned that my faith is reflected in my daily life and that I am not perfect, but I am learning to use the gifts God has given me to be a better person.

**The second paragraph** should state what you have done to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Sample 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph:** In learning to open our hearts and minds to God, we not only studied about preparing for Confirmation but learning more about our faith and who we are as a community. We are one community with God and we should share our faith with others daily. To practice this we all participated in Catholic Action/Sharing my gifts and talents projects. My favorite project was as a volunteer at a PADS shelter. It was interesting to see others helping these poor people who can't afford homes or food. I also collected food for a community food pantry. I never realized how many people struggled to put food on their tables. The money they make is going to keep a roof over their heads and clothing on their backs or the medicine they need. They can't always afford food. I learned a great deal about myself and others while completing these projects.

**The third paragraph** should tell why you chose your confirmation name.

**Sample 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph:** I enjoyed researching and picking out a saint to take their name for my Confirmation. I chose St. Maria Goretti; she was a saint who had the courage to stand up for her faith and not give in to others. It is amazing that when she was on her death bed she forgave the person that put her there. Through this act of forgiveness she was able to change a person. I think what really makes me admire her is that she always did the right thing without ever putting herself before others. I hope I

can act as bravely and unselfishly as she did, maybe changing a few stone hearts along the way.

The final statement should explain why you are ready to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Sample 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph:** I have learned a great deal in my preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. One thing I have realized is that my education is not finished; Confirmation is another high point on my faith journey.

Closing, (Sincerely, Yours truly...)

Signature

Name

Address

City, State zip code