

YOUR LETTER TO THE ARCHBISHOP OR ABBOT

As you prepare for Confirmation you must write a letter to the Archbishop or Abbot requesting the sacrament. **Your letter should be addressed as follows, depending on who is coming here to give you the sacrament:**

In your letter you need to ask the Archbishop or Abbot for Confirmation and include the following information:

1. Why you wish to be confirmed.
2. What you have learned during your journey to Confirmation, and who has been inspirational during your process.
3. What you did for your service. Here you may want to include how being of service to God and the Church have influenced your faith and also how you intend to serve the Church after Confirmation.
4. Whom you have chosen to be your patron, and how this saint has influenced your life.
5. Whom you have chosen to be your sponsor and why this person was chosen for such an honor.
6. Offer a personal invitation to come to our parish, Sacred Heart for the sacrament of Confirmation and thank him for doing so.

See sample below:

Your Name
Your Street Address
Your City, State and Zip
Date

The Most Revered Joseph F. Naumann
OR Most Reverend James P. Keleher
Catholic Chancery Offices
12615 Parallel Parkway
Kansas City, KS. 66109

OR

The Very Rev. Abbot James Albers, OSB
OR Very Rev Abbot Barnabas Senecal, OSB
St. Benedict's Abbey
1020 North 2nd St.
Atchison, KS. 66002

Dear Archbishop (Naumann or Keleher), **OR**
Dear Abbot (James or Barnabas),

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You are more than welcome to add any information about yourself and your faith journey. The Abbot reads each of these letters and sometimes uses them for his homily at Confirmation. Please, take it seriously.

Sincerely,
Your First and Last Name

When you are finished with the letter, send it back to SHC office in care of Cindy. I will mail them as a group.