

A Letter to Bishop Boyea

Year 2: Draft due January 25th, 2027. Final due February 22nd, 2027.

The Sacrament of Confirmation completes your initiation into the Church. Begun in Baptism, God now binds you more closely to the Church through an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In this Sacrament, you are matured in grace and strengthened as a servant of God, prepared to follow God's holy will as you cooperate to build His Kingdom.

Your letter should reflect your personal desire for the Sacrament of Confirmation, as well as some information about your personal journey. The Bishop DOES read all the letters!

You should first draft a letter. Your catechist will read the drafts and offer suggestions. Please make sure the draft you give to them is not a rough draft, but much closer to a final draft.

The final draft must be typed or written *very* neatly in ink. Your catechist will mail the letters to the Bishop before Confirmation.

Follow these guidelines:

Salutation (how you address the letter): Your Excellency Bishop Boyea,

Body of Letter: Divide into paragraphs. The part written in red is necessary (it's the point of the letter!); however, you may choose from the other points below.

- Tell a little about your life (family, school, activities, hobbies, etc.)
- Describe how you have prepared for Confirmation (through prayer, study, reading, class, Mass attendance, Sacraments, etc.). Explain how you have grown, how your life is changing.
- Tell the Bishop your confirmation name and why you chose that saint.
- Describe your sponsor and why you chose him or her.
- **Express your desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and tell him why.**
 - You might mention your desire to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit – a particular gift and why you'd like to receive it.
 - You might mention how you think the Sacrament will help you grow in your relationship with God.
 - You might mention how the Sacrament will help you grow in love of neighbor.
 - You could talk about why you need this Sacrament at this point in your life.
- Ask for his prayers and/or tell him that you are looking forward to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Closing: Choose *one* of the following signoffs:

Sincerely,
God bless you,
Your brother/sister in Christ,

John Smith (your name)
St. Patrick (your confirmation name)
St. Anthony of Padua, Hillsdale (your parish)