

Dear Candidates for Confirmation,

RE: Candidate's Letter to the Bishop

As part of your preparation for Confirmation, all candidates will write a letter, addressed to the Bishop, stating why you want to be confirmed.

Your sponsor or a parent/ guardian should review the letter afterwards, but you are to actually write the letter, without any assistance from others. It does not have to be long but should be from the heart.

Prior to writing the letter, you should research the Church's teaching on Confirmation, and why at this time in your life you are asking to be confirmed. Please see the back of this note, for an outline that you should follow in writing your letter to the Bishop.

This letter is to be returned to the Parish Office before Tuesday, 1 March 2016. The Bishop will be given these letters to read.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at your convenience at the Parish Office or by email.

Sincerely,

Rev. Victor De Gagné
Pastor

Outline for Candidate's Letter to the Bishop

Date

Most Reverend Fred Colli, Bishop
Diocese of Thunder Bay
Thunder Bay, Ontario

Dear Bishop Colli,

Paragraph 1 - Introduce yourself. Tell him your name, your grade and the school you attend. Indicate that you are writing because you wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Paragraph 2 - Briefly describe what the Sacrament of Confirmation is and means for you.

Paragraph 3 - Briefly state why you wish to be confirmed (for example, grow in faith, want to become a mature Christian, receive the gifts of the Spirit to become a better person, etc.).

Paragraph 4 - Briefly state how you are spiritually preparing for Confirmation (for example, acts of charity, prayers you are saying, what ministry at church are you exercising, etc.). Explain how these are helping you to prepare for Confirmation.

Paragraph 5 - Indicate who your sponsor is and why you chose this person to journey with you.

Paragraph 6 - Close the letter by asking the Bishop to confirm you and that you are excited to celebrate this faith milestone with your family, friends and parish community.

Sincerely,

Your Signature

Your Name, Printed