

## Confirmation Letter to the Bishop

It is customary for each Confirmation candidate to write a personal letter to the confirming Bishop requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation. The purpose of this letter is to introduce yourself to the Bishop and explain your confirmation preparation experience as well as to assure him that you are asking for the sacrament freely.

### Guidelines for writing your letter:

- The letter must be typed with the date and addressed: Dear Bishop Schlert,
- Introduce yourself and request the sacrament for yourself. Indicate you want this sacrament and explain why (at least one reason).
- Tell him the name you chose and why you chose that saint.
- Identify your sponsor and the reason he/she is a good example of the faith, and why you chose him/her.
- Write about your community service experience and how you are accepting your responsibility as a Christian by doing these acts of service for others.
- State you have prepared through PREP classes and how you have practiced your faith.
- Write about a particular Gift of the Spirit you desire and why.
- Write about how you plan on living out the Catholic faith after in the years after confirmation.
- Conclude your letter and thank the Bishop.
- Sign your name in pen.

You do not need to follow every suggestion, but you need clearly express at least three (3) of the above content suggestions. Your letter should reflect you and your personal experiences in preparing for confirmation.

Remember the 'G' in God is always capitalized. **Final - signed - copies are due in class!!**  
**DO NOT** mail your letter – all final copies are sent to the Bishop with a cover letter from the parish.