

Letter to Bishop McGovern—Writing Prompts

Note: Email the first draft of your letter to my email at jlohmann@htcs.org

(Letter format with addresses and date, 1-2 pages, 12 point Times New Roman font, No abbreviations, edit out any misspellings or typos, do not fold, do not type on the back side)

Options for composing your letter:

Dear Bishop McGovern

First Paragraph: Information about yourself

1A. My name is _____ and I am writing to ask you to confirm me on April 11, 2024 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

1B. I am writing to ask you to please confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on me on April 11, 2024 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. My name is _____...

1C. I hope you will seal me with the gifts of the Holy Spirit on April 11, 2024 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. My name is _____ and I am a student at...

Add information about yourself to this paragraph like where you were baptized, where you go to school; how long you have lived in your town, or where you moved here from, or might be moving to; if you have brothers or sisters, or animals; what your hobbies are, what clubs, sports, activities, church services or groups you are involved in. Include charitable ones like Young Vinnies, altar serving, choir, or other school groups or academic achievements; attending Mass, praying the rosary, and reading the Bible.

Second Paragraph: Why you want to be confirmed Catholic

2A. I want to be confirmed Catholic because...

2B. I am excited about Confirmation because...

2C. To me being confirmed means...

Or whatever you want to say next

Why do you want to be confirmed in the Catholic Church, what does being a Catholic mean to you, what do you love about the Church, hope for the Church, what do you hope Confirmation and the gifts of the HS will do for you, how would you like to be active in the Church even after you leave grade school

Next Few Paragraphs: Confirmation Prep Information

3A. While preparing for Confirmation, I...

3B. For my patron saint (or sponsor, or service works) I chose...

Or whatever you want to say to start your next paragraphs on what you did to prepare for Confirmation

These next paragraphs should mention your:

Confirmation Saint - WHO are you selecting as your Confirmation patron saint, WHERE and WHEN did they live/serve, WHY did you choose him/her, WHAT are some interesting details you discovered about his/her life story, HOW do you relate or wish you related to his/her story, how do you want to be like him/her or are already like him/her

Confirmation Sponsor - who is your sponsor, how are you acquainted/related, why did you select him/her, how does he/she inspire you and support you to live a life of faith

And Service Works - share the details of any service experiences you participated in, what did you learn about living your faith, how did it feel to help others, sacrifice your own time and effort, share your gifts and abilities, was it easy or hard, what does it inspire you to do next for others, how did it challenge you or affirm you, what did you learn about yourself from these experiences

You may need a separate paragraph for each of those three topics or a couple of those topics might fit into one paragraph.

Final Paragraphs: Wrap it up

4A. I am very excited (nervous, happy, blessed) to be getting confirmed soon.

4B. The gift(s) of the Holy Spirit I am most looking forward to receiving is (are) _____ because...

4C. At Confirmation I look forward to being filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, especially the gift of _____ because...

4D. After Confirmation I most look forward to...

Or whatever phrase comes next to tie up your letter

You might choose to write about how you are feeling—thankful, nervous, excited about being confirmed by him on April 11, 2024 at Holy Trinity Church and by thanking him for his time or saying you are looking forward to meeting him.

End it with something like 5A. Sincerely 5B. Sincerely yours 5C. Respectfully yours and leave 3 lines of space above your typed name to sign the letter by hand once printed

Sincerely,

(your hand written signature here in blue or black ink)

Your Name