

Letter of Request for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Due January 12, 2025. Please turn into your catechist.

Each Candidate approaching Confirmation is to personally write a letter of request to Bishop Gainer.

- If the candidate, together with his/her parents, in consultation with the sponsor/mentor, and Pastor has decided that he/she desires to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, he/she is to make that request in writing.

- Preferably, this letter is to be neatly handwritten.

- Below is a sample letter of request, please use your own words.

Suggested format for letter

SAMPLE ONLY ----bold type is for example purposes only, don't use bold---

Most Reverend Ronald Gainer

Bishop of Harrisburg

4800 Union Deposit Rd.

Harrisburg, PA 17011

(today's Date)

Dear Bishop Gainer,

I, (Name)_____, a member of (Parish Name)_____ Parish in _____(City Name) , am currently participating in the preparation process for Confirmation. **(Here, take a few sentences and introduce yourself to the Bishop. You may wish to include some information about yourself, your family, interests, school, or extracurricular activities or other things you want to share with the Bishop).**

I hereby request the privilege of being confirmed in the Catholic faith because . . . **(You write your reasons here. Explain why you want to be confirmed and complete your Christian initiation. Perhaps use examples from what you learned and experienced in your course (class) sessions, meetings with your sponsor, service opportunities, etc.)**

Part of my preparation has been to be a good steward of my time and talents. I have shared my gifts by...(Describe your service project(s) and describe how you felt about it--especially think about where did you find Christ in the other?)

I have chosen Saint/Blessed_____ as my Confirmation saint. The reasons for this include: **(state your reasons for choosing your saint--it really should be something more than, "I like to ice-skate and Saint Lydwina of Schiedam is the patron saint of ice skaters. Give this some thought. WHY is St. Lydwina the patron of skaters? Because of her life of holiness! In 1396, she was severely injured in**

an ice-skating accident at age 16, and she was paralyzed and physically challenged for decades. She spent her time praying, meditating, and joyfully offered even her pain to God. She developed a deep devotion to the Eucharist. She was blind for the last seven years of her life, but her prayer life and the spiritual consolation she received from the Lord helped her radiate joy in the midst of suffering. She died at age 53.)

As a full member of the Church, I will continue to daily live out my faith by ... (Describe how you plan to continue participating in the Church after Confirmation. How do you plan to live the Catholic way of life?)

Respectfully yours,

Your Signature _____