

Letter to the Bishop

Since we are still unsure who will be celebrating your Confirmation Mass, begin your letter with the proper way of addressing a Bishop in general: "Your Excellency,"...

Paragraph 1: Introduce yourself. Include that you are from The Collaborative Parishes of Sacred Heart and St. Thomas More, and you wish to be confirmed. Say something about your family, your background, the name of the school you attend and your year in school, your activities, hobbies and/or interests. Introduce yourself!

Paragraph 2: Request the sacrament. Indicate that this is your decision. Tell your reasons for wanting the sacrament of Confirmation; what it will do for you; how it will bring you into closer relationship with Jesus and the Holy Spirit. How will it help you to be a better person? Don't just say – "It will bring me closer to God." Don't say 'I will become an Adult in the church'! Give some thought to your reason!

Paragraph 3: Explain how you have prepared for the sacrament. It is important that you tell about specific parts of your preparation: your prayer life, the two retreats you attended, your celebration of the other sacraments (going to mass/confession), your service to others in the community and in the parish, etc. You might mention a particular class presentation or topic that particularly enlightened or touched you. What have you learned about yourself during the preparation process? Tell him about your service work and what you learned from it.

Paragraph 4: Tell about the Saint whose name you chose and background information about the saint. Explain why you chose that Saint name. What does this Saint mean to you?

Paragraph 5: Tell how you will continue to carry out your life of service to God and others through the power of the Holy Spirit. Tell how you plan to make your Confirmation in the Faith real and alive in your life. How will you be involved in the Church and other areas of service? You might list ministries you are, or will, participate in.

Conclusion: Thank him for taking the time to read your letter. You might include something like - I look forward to meeting you and celebrating this sacrament with you on June 3rd (Sacred Heart) or June 4th (St Thomas More).

Closing Salutation: Use Sincerely, Yours Truly, Thank You, Respectfully, In Christ, etc. Type your name below it.

Please bring your letter in an envelope with your name on it to Retreat (April 25th)!