

Confirmation Letters



Bishop Medley requests that each Confirmation candidate write a letter to him. These letters are the means by which the candidates express their desire for the Sacrament.

The **suggested** letter format should be as follows:

- **Salutation**—“Dear Bishop Medley,”
- **Introduce yourself** by telling a bit about who you are, about your family, your hobbies, your favorite things, what you do in your free time, etc.
- **Formally request the sacrament.** Provide the Bishop with several reasons why you are seeking to be confirmed.
- Inform the Bishop who you’ve chosen as your **patron saint** and why you chose him/her.
- Explain who your **sponsor** is and why he/she was chosen.
- Share some of your **experiences during the preparation process.** Be specific about: your prayer life, your celebration of the other sacraments, your service to the parish and to the people of God, and what you learned that touched your heart.
- Tell Bishop Medley a bit about your **favorite Scripture passage.** What is it and why is it a favorite?
- Tell the Bishop how you will continue to carry out your **life of discipleship** through the power of the Holy Spirit. Tell how you plan to draw on your Confirmation and continue the mission of the Church.
- Do you believe that God could ever call you to a **vocation** as a priest, sister or brother?” Why or why not?

Some points for Confirmation Coordinators:

1. Originality is encouraged.
2. Help your student write a good letter. Check for spelling, punctuation, etc. errors. This is a formal letter— preferably on computer. If it is hand-written, please insure that it is legible.
3. Be sure they have chosen an actual saint. There is no canonized St. Tiffany or St. Nicole.
4. Selecting a sponsor is an important aspect of Confirmation. Please remind students that a parent is not an appropriate choice.
5. **Letters must arrive in Bishop Medley’s office at least 2 weeks in advance.**