

# Letter to the Bishop Requesting Confirmation

It is the **pastor** of the parish who presents the candidates to the **bishop** during the celebration of the sacrament. For this reason it is customary that the candidates write to the pastor, as well as to the bishop, requesting that they be able to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation. It is time to write to the Bishop. Because this is an important letter, it is to be **typed with no spelling mistakes or grammatical errors**. The finished letter is **not** to be folded since all the letters are put in a folder and mailed to the bishop before Confirmation.

*In Confirmation you profess:*

*-your faith in Jesus Christ*

*-your commitment to the Catholic Church*

*This is a lifelong commitment and one which the Church will readily accept and help you to live out.*

**Your letter to Bishop Rojas**, the confirming bishop, **must include the following information:**  
*(Please write at least a couple of sentences for each question)*

1. What you have learned as you prepared for Confirmation? In your regular Saturday and weekday classes and your Formation Sessions . . .
2. What Confirmation means to you . . .
3. Why you want to be confirmed and why the sacrament is important to you. . .
4. The name you have chosen and why you chose it . . .
5. Who is your sponsor? Why did you choose that person as your sponsor?
6. A statement about how you plan to participate in the life of the Church after you are confirmed.
7. Something of interest that you would like Bishop Rojas to know about you and your family?

**A few basic reminders about letter writing. . .**

Date your letter at the top of the page.

Greet the bishop. "Dear Bishop Rojas"

**Answer the questions above with at least a couple of sentences.**

Close your letter. "God bless you!" "Sincerely" "Peace" or some other

appropriate words

**Sign your name.** This is your signature and is required on a letter. First and last name.

**Type your name under your signature.**

Reread your letter and be sure that you have said what you wanted to say.

**Your finished letter to Bishop Rojas is due on January 20 for all Confirmation Candidates!**  
**You can bring the letter to the Rectory if not brought to school or RE.**