

# Letter Requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation to the Bishop

## Due: Nov. 1st

A Bishop administers the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation Candidates write a letter to the Bishop, requesting and sharing their desire to be confirmed. The letter is his/her description of their personal faith journey so far. It is important to regularly take time to complete your Confirmation Reflection pages found in your Confirmation folder so that you can speak clearly and from the heart. The letter to the Bishop reflects the candidate, the candidate's family, and Old St. Mary's Parish. Therefore, please take this endeavor seriously as you write the letter, and complete it with serious reflection.

### **To be included:**

- 1-page typed letter
- Begin your letter with an ordinary greeting: (Dear Bishop Lombardo)
- Body of Letter

### Paragraph 1

Introduce yourself. Say something about your family, your education, and your parish.

### Paragraph 2

Request the sacrament. Give several reasons why you would like to be confirmed.

### 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, your celebration of the other sacraments, your service hours, your sponsor's name, and why you chose them and/or your saint's name and why you chose it.

### Paragraph 4

Tell what difficulties young people today face and 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.

### Closing

Conclude the letter; include your complete signature.