

Letter of Request for the Sacrament of Confirmation

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

- If the candidate, together with his/her parents, in consultation with the sponsor/mentor, and Director 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 typewritten; though neatly handwritten is acceptable.
- Below is a sample letter of request, please **use your own words**.
- Letter must be submitted to the Confirmation teacher/coordinator by **Wednesday, November 14, 2018**.
- Please do not put the letter in an envelope.

Suggested format for letter

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

Most Reverend Peter J. Byrne
St. Mary's – St. Joseph's Parish
231 Church St
Poughkeepsie, New York 12601

(today's Date)

Dear Bishop Byrne,

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 reason for this included: **(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 _____
(type your name 3 lines below your Signature)