

Letter of Intention

Please write a letter to Bishop/Vicar/Priest/DRE responding to the following questions.

Questions for candidates to respond to:

1. Why do you want to be confirmed?
2. What gift or gifts of the Holy Spirit do you feel effect you most?
3. What Confirmation name have you chosen and what is the relationship with the Church?
4. Who is your sponsor and why did you choose him or her?

This letter must be a minimum of 1 page, typed.

All letters must be return at the Closing of Forty Hours.

September 5, 20__

Dear Most Reverend Bishop _____ and Father Haney,

I would like to be confirmed as a Catholic adult in the Church of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin. Confirmation is import to me because I am becoming an adult in the Church. This will give me more personal responsibility in our parish. It will now be my responsibility to attend Mass on Sunday, donate my own money in the offertory basket, as well as donate my own time to church events. I will act as an adult and be recognized as one.

I have spent much time this past year preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Besides participating in the CCD program and all of the spiritual opportunities provided to candidates, I have been spending more time reading and studying on my own. I believe that I have a better understanding of the prayers that I have been reciting since I was a little boy. I have also started to read the Bible on my own.

My sponsor for Confirmation is my uncle who lives in Rhode Island, he is a very devout Catholic, and I think he will be a terrific adult role model for me.

During my preparation for Confirmation, I have learned what it really means to be an adult in the Catholic Church. I must be the best person that I can be and follow my faith strongly, as well as following Church law.

Devoutly,

Dear Father Haney and Most Reverend Bishop _____,

Confirmation is a very important sacrament because I will receive the Holy Spirit and become a stronger and more whole Christian follower of Jesus. Confirmation will help me feel God's love and power in a special way so I am happy that I will be confirmed in a special place very special to me, Saint Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin.

I have worked hard to prepare for Confirmation. I met my community service requirements by helping the Baldwin Food Pantry deliver food to those in need and working the St. Gabriel Fish Fry to support my parish. I have also used my God given talent of dance to do community service. I performed throughout the year at local community events and assisted living facilities or hospital. It feels good to help brighten people's day and it makes me feel like I have done something special.

I have studied also to prepare for Confirmation to make my faith stronger. I have studied the parts of the Mass and the meaning of their order. I have learned to listen and understand scripture readings and the homily each week in Church. I have studied the Sacrament, Beatitudes and Ten Commandments so I could deepen my understanding of them. While preparing to take my Confirmation Assessment I learned so much that has brought me closer to God.

I hope I can offer what I have learned to other people and help them realize how important God really is. I am going to offer more to the Church through prayer and service. I am going to help spread the Good News of Christ as Jesus asked us to do. I am going to be a disciple and travel and help others travel the right road in life.

Sincerely,