

Please compose your letter to your to the Bishop and bring it with you to your interview. You may use this form as a guide. This is your formal request for the Sacrament. This is good exercise to do with your sponsor or parent. Use a formal letter format on your computer.

Your address
City/State/Zip Code
Date

Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham
Bishop Diocese of Syracuse
240 E. Onondaga Street
Syracuse, NY 13202

Dear Bishop Cunningham,

Introduce yourself. What do you like to do, are you a good scholar, athlete, listener? Tell something about your family and your background that the Bishop may find interesting or unique.

Request the sacrament. Give several reasons why you would like to be confirmed. DO NOT say you want to be closer to God or that you'll go to Mass more often. That should be already part of your faith.

Explain how you have prepared for the sacrament. It is important that you tell about the specific parts of your preparation: your prayer life, your celebration of the other sacraments (Eucharist/Reconciliation), your service for others exercised at home and within the parish and in your community....

Talk about a moment when it fit together. This probably did not have happened in class but may have been something that happened at school or at a family gathering when you really understood what it means to be Christ to the world. When you accepted Jesus' invitation to go out and serve.

Tell how you will continue to carry out your service to God and others through the power of the Spirit. Tell how you plan to make your Confirmation in the faith real and alive in the future.

End your letter with your regards, and sign the letter.

Sincerely,
(*Sign your name here*)
Print your name