

Letter Requesting Confirmation:

The Church requires that you “request” the Sacrament of Confirmation, indicating that you feel you are ready to receive the Sacrament. A letter should be written *by you* to Father Richard and to the Archbishop. Shown below are two sample letters from former students of the Sacred Heart Faith Formation program, for you to use as a guide.

The same letter may be used for both Father Richard and the Archbishop. The copy for the Archbishop should be addressed to Most Rev. John Walter Flesey. (No address line is necessary for the Archbishop,) your letter may be neatly handwritten or typed.

Dear Father _____,

As you know, I have been preparing for Confirmation for the past few months. I would now like to formally request the Sacrament of Confirmation. I believe that throughout my years of faith formation, I have learned so many things that have brought me so much help and joy. Now that I am of age, I want to choose to take my role as an adult in the Church. After this last sacrament of initiation, I will do my best to serve God and His Church, and to participate in various ministries and bring others to the Lord. I hope you know that my request is sincere and will agree to it. Thank you very much for considering my request.

Sincerely, (Name removed for privacy)

Dear Father _____,

I, (name removed), a member of the Church of the Sacred Heart, asked Bishop _____ to Confirm me as a member of the Roman Catholic Church. I want to receive the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation because I feel I have reached a point in my life where I need to be closer to God. Through my being confirmed, I will strengthen my relationship with Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

I have prepared for this holy act by attending catechism classes since first grade. I attend Mass every week. I have asked my grandmother, (name removed), to present me to Bishop _____ on the day of my Confirmation as he anoints me with sacred chrism to seal my commitment to Jesus and His Church in this Sacrament. I have made this choice for a sponsor because I look up to her greatly. She is very active in her own parish and can lead me to further spirituality throughout my life. Every day, she performs one good deed and does not expect anything in return.

The name by which I wish to be called at my Confirmation is “Clare”. I have chosen this name because Saint Clare was a phenomenal person. She was founder of the order of nuns known as the “Poor Clares,” was Italian, and knew St. Francis of Assisi. She saved her sisters and took a vow of absolute poverty.

I know that the gifts of the Holy Spirit will give me at Confirmation will help me to bear witness to the Gospel of Jesus and to join in building up His Church. I wish to share in that work in a special way by being more active in my parish and contributing more to my community. I need to give more of my time and talent back to those around me, rather than simply take from them.

I greatly look forward to receiving this special and extraordinary gift. I hope I can use it to better myself and those around me.

Sincerely, (named removed)

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