

To: Confirmation Candidates
From: Wendy Sleisher
Re: Letter to the Bishop

Dear Candidates,

Bishop Mike Driscoll has requested that you write him a letter expressing why you wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Tell the Bishop about yourself. (Where you go to school, what your favorite sport or pastime is, any special talent you have, etc.)

Consider the various gifts of the Holy Spirit which you receive at confirmation. (Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgment or Counsel, Knowledge, Courage or Fortitude, Reverence or piety, Wonder and Awe or Fear of the Lord.) Tell him how some of those gifts, such as courage or understanding, will help you in your life, for example.

Tell Bishop Mike how you feel about being confirmed and how you plan to be a more active member of the Church. Do you have plans for being involved (or already are involved) in a parish ministry? How do you plan to be more like Jesus in your community at home, school, etc.

Tell him about your confirmation name sake and why you chose to have that saint for your model.

Tell him what you did for your community service project and how you liked being a disciple of Christ to those you served.

Please put your typed or hand-written letter in an envelope addressed to Bishop Mike and give it to Wendy or your teacher for Wendy, **by March 18**. Bishop Mike wants all letters given to him by me, grouped by parish. He reads them on his travels throughout the diocese and takes notes for his homily, using your letters and input I have given him as well.

Thank you for all your hard work and efforts to prepare yourselves for this important part of your faith journey.

Love and Prayers,
Wendy Sleisher

PS See below for a sample outline you may follow, if that helps you.

A Sample outline for you to use- please handwrite neatly or type your letter

Bishop Michael Driscoll
Bishop of Diocese of Boise
1501 Federal Way
Boise, Idaho 83705

Dear Bishop Mike,

My name is _____. I am ____ years old. I attend school at _____.
(tell a bit about yourself). I am a member of St. Mark's Parish in Boise, Idaho. I am writing to you about my desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on _____.

I am looking forward to receiving all the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, especially the gift of _____.
I especially need this gift because _____.

I feel _____ about receiving Confirmation because _____.
(descriptive word)

Confirmation will help me be more active in my parish so I can _____.

I plan to be more like Jesus at home by _____.

With the help of the Holy Spirit, I can also _____ at school. (in my community)

I have chosen the name of _____ for my confirmation name because _____.

Thank you for being the bishop of our diocese. You will be in my prayers.

Yours truly,