

# LETTER TO THE PARISH

Due Date of First Draft: November 2, 2022

Due Date of Final Draft: November 16, 2022

Confirmation candidates will write a letter to St. Philip the Apostle Parish explaining their decision to be confirmed as an adult Catholic. A Confirmation candidate must have the proper intention and proper preparation for this Sacrament that completes the Baptismal commitment. Confirmation means “strengthening.” It is a time to deepen your faith through a search for a deeper relationship with the Lord. It is a time to decide you want to be a disciple of Jesus and live his Gospel message in your daily life. At Baptism, your parents made the choice for you to be raised as a member of the Catholic Church. You must decide if you will commit to live life as a Catholic from now on. If you are not sure you want to make this commitment or you do not want to be confirmed, you should postpone receiving Confirmation this year. Only those who desire to be confirmed and understand what they are doing should be confirmed. The pastor of the parish tells the Bishop you are ready to be Confirmed.

In the letter to the parish, explain in your own words why you want to be confirmed and why you feel you are ready to be confirmed now. Explain how you plan to live your life more fully as a Catholic after you are confirmed. A follower of Christ is one who: worships God regularly, prays daily, believes and practices what Jesus taught as found in the Sacred Scriptures and Church Tradition, and serves those in need.

Introduce yourself and your family to the parish, and share your thoughts on your faith and how you will participate more fully in the church after Confirmation. Share your service experiences and what you learned from them. Explain why you chose your Confirmation name. Share why you chose your sponsor. Mention ways you intend to serve your parish family.

**Take pride and type your letter. Be neat. Do not scratch out or white out. Your letter may be chosen for publication in our parish bulletin, so please do your best work!** Your writing reflects you. Make a first draft (due November 2) and ask your parent/guardian or another older person to check for spelling and grammar mistakes. Your final draft is due November 16 in class. You may be asked to rewrite it if it has not been done properly. Take the time to do a good job.

Address the letter: Dear St. Philip the Apostle Parish, and make sure you sign your name. If you have any other questions, ask your religion teacher or call the Religious Education Office at 630-543-1754.