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Confirmation 2 Letter to the Bishop

Over the past two years, you have expressed your desire to be confirmed through your attendance and participation in our Confirmation program. Now, you will have the opportunity to **express** this desire to the Bishop in a letter. The Bishop will take the time to read these letters and base his homily at the Confirmation Mass on the content of these letters. Please don't view this as a school assignment you must rush through, but rather as a unique opportunity to personally express to the leader of our local Church how you have grown closer to Christ over the past two years.

Rough Draft: Sunday, February 8th, 2026

Final Draft: Sunday, February 22nd, 2026

- **Note:** Timely submission is important because we must send all letters to the Diocese of Orange in time for the Bishop to review them. Candidates who do not submit their letters or who do not follow the specific detailed instructions will **not** be Confirmed.

Letter to the Bishop Guidelines & Requirements:

- Type 1 page in length (no more than that), single-spaced, "Times New Roman" font, font size 12, and normal margins (1" on all sides).
- **Note:** A person that hand writes their letter will need to redo it again.

The letter must include the following:

In the top left corner of the page:

- First and Last Name
- Your saint name
- "St. Cecilia Catholic Church"

Address the letter to:

- Dear Reverend Bishop _____, (Name of the Bishop will be provided in Spring)

Paragraph 1 (Introduction):

- Indicate your age, grade level and school.
- Describe your family, interests/hobbies, career aspirations, etc.
- Indicate the name of your Confirmation saint, a brief description of the saint, and how their life inspires you to live your faith; be specific about your saint's name



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- (Ex: Mary, Mother of God, or John the Apostle; not just "Mary" or just "John").

Paragraph 2 (share your spiritual journey, below are some questions to reflect on - you can use all or some of them):

1. Think back to your first Confirmation class. Who was God at the beginning of this process, and who is God to you now?
2. Share one or two of your most significant experiences in Confirmation: lessons or in-class activities, time with your small group, prayer experiences, Youth Ministry events, service projects, retreats, etc.
3. How did this event impact you?
4. What was a spiritual/life challenge you faced during your Confirmation journey? How did that happen?

Paragraph 3 (Gospel Reflection for your Confirmation Mass):

Gospel Passage for Reflection: Will be provided in Spring.

1. What does this Gospel mean to you in your own life circumstances? Be specific.
2. What do you find comforting, challenging, beautiful, hopeful, or difficult in this passage?

Paragraph 4 (Conclusion):

1. Provide a declaration: Is this decision to be confirmed your free choice? You must answer this question; anyone who wants to be confirmed must freely accept it.
2. What does receiving this sacrament mean to you? Share your reason for wishing to be confirmed.
3. Then, explain how you plan to live out your Christian commitment after being confirmed.
4. Formally express your request/wish to be confirmed and thank the Bishop for taking the time to read your letter.

Sign off the letter:

Sincerely,

_____ (written Signature of the Confirmand)

Below write: First Name, Saint's Name, Last Name