

LETTER TO BISHOP VANN

IMPORTANT:

Please remember to write as a FORMAL LETTER & not as a list of answers as shown in this sample.



During these past 2 years, you have expressed your desire to be confirmed in many ways. You have shown this by your attendance and participation in class, group gatherings, your service to others, and in the growth of faith through prayer, retreats, workshops, Mass, and the Holy Sacraments. You have therefore shown that you want to belong fully to the community of the Catholic Church. The initiation process that has begun for you at Baptism by your parents and by the Church is soon to be completed at your Confirmation.

All Confirmation II candidates who desire to be confirmed this year must write a letter to the Bishop asking him to be confirmed. It is now time for you to officially request to be confirmed in the Catholic Church by Bishop.

Your letter must be typed on an unfolded 8 ½ x 11' paper, at least one page long. Ask someone to edit before your final draft. All sentences should be complete thoughts and not just a list of answers.

(Confirmation Saint Name) Full Name

EX: Teresa of Avila Christine Thuy Nguyen

Address

City, State, Zip

Date

Dear Most Reverend Kevin W. Vann, Bishop of Orange

My name is...Your name, age, school, and your Parish – Your Confirmation name and why that name was chosen. (Be specific with your Saint Name: Ex. Mary, Mother of God or John the Apostle).

Gospel Reflection (Bible Verse for Reflection — Gospel is Matthew 16:24-27)

1. *What does this Gospel mean for you in your own life circumstances?*
2. *What challenges does the Gospel present? To your family? To society?*
3. *How are you called to live out this Gospel?*

Personal Reflection

4. *The reason why you want to be confirmed.*
5. *What you have been doing to prepare for this Sacrament.*
6. *You may add anything you think is important. For example, how you feel you have grown during this time of preparation... or why the Catholic faith is important to you ... or how you're Christian service to others may have helped you to grow, or how have you experienced God's Love in your life...?*
7. *An explanation of how you plan to live out your Christian commitment as a mature adult Catholic with the strength of the Holy Spirit.*
8. *Is this your free choice? Finally, a request/desire to be confirmed.*

Sincerely,

_____ (Student's Signature)