

Since the Pastor is called on by the Bishop during the actual Rite of Confirmation to affirm that each of the Candidates truly desires to be confirmed and has prepared well for the Sacrament, our Pastor needs to know your reasons for wanting to be confirmed in order to better determine your readiness for Confirmation.

Please write a letter to our pastor, Fr. McBrien with your reasons for wanting to be confirmed and outlining ways in which you intend to live as a confirmed Catholic who is fully initiated into the Body of Christ and the Sacred Heart of Jesus community.

**LETTER TO THE PASTOR SAMPLE outline**  
**(your letter MUST address all of the following areas)**

Dear Father McBrien,

Paragraph 1- Introduce yourself and tell Father McBrien who you are. Say something about your family, your background, name of school, interests, etc. Introduce yourself!

Paragraph 2 - Give reasons why you are asking to be confirmed, and how you prepared for the sacrament. (For example, your church and prayer life, and how you participate in the other sacraments.) How have you prepared for Confirmation (spiritually, socially, personally)? Have you participated in the youth group, or in any parish Ministry's? What did you do for your service hours?

Paragraph 3 - Discuss your Confirmation name and why and how you picked that Saint. Discuss who your sponsor is, and how and why you chose your sponsor. What does it mean to you to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Paragraph 4 - How do you plan to carry out your service to God as a disciple of Christ, and others through the help of the Holy Spirit? How do you plan to participate as a full member of the Catholic Church and a parishioner of Sacred Heart? (in addition to coming to Mass)

Sincerely,

Your full name



The letter should be typed, Times New Roman, 12 pt. font.

Double spacing is preferred.

DUE DATE: **March 31st**