

LETTER TO THE PASTOR

Due the week of February 8, 2021

Every student getting confirmed is required to write a typed letter requesting to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This letter should be free of spelling and grammar errors and have no smudges or use of white out. Your letter is to be written to Rev. Dindo Billote, Pastor of St Mary Parish in Mokena. This format *must* be followed while expressing your personal desires in your own words:

Greeting

Begin your letter as follows: *Dear Rev. Dindo Billote,*

Body of the Letter

Paragraph 1: Introduce yourself. Tell who you are, what you like to do, what is important to you (family, faith, etc.).

Paragraph 2: Request the sacrament of confirmation and explain why you are ready to be confirmed. Show Father that being confirmed matters to you by giving several reasons why you want to be confirmed. Indicate that you are freely choosing to receive the Sacrament.

Paragraph 3: Explain how you have prepared for the sacrament. It is important that you tell about specific parts of your preparation: your prayer life, your celebration of the other sacraments, the classes you've attended, people you've encountered, the types of service you have offered, why you chose your particular confirmation Saint, who your sponsor is and why you chose him/her, and so on. Express how your feelings about Confirmation have changed during your Confirmation Preparation years.

Paragraph 4: Tell how you will continue to live out your life of faith after Confirmation. Explain how you will continue your loving service to God and others through the power and grace of the Holy Spirit which you will receive in Confirmation. Explain what you desire God to do in you and in your life through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Elaborate on how you will keep your faith alive in the future (by joining Youth Ministry, joining the choir, being a greeter or usher at Mass on Sundays, maintaining a commitment to daily prayer, continuing to read about your faith, reading the Bible, going on retreats and mission trips etc.)

Paragraph 5: Ask any questions or state any reservations you may have about Confirmation

Conclusion

End your letter with: *Sincerely,*
and write your complete signature.