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Confirmation Letter to the Bishop

A significant part of the Confirmation process is to write a letter to the person who administers the Sacrament. Unfortunately, this person is not able to get to know each of you individually. Therefore it is requested you write a letter to him so he knows a little bit more about you. **The letter should be typed on plain white paper. It should also be single-spaced using a Times New Roman font with a font size of 12. Please follow the example below:**

Date:

Greeting: Dear Bishop Barbarito,

Body Includes: The first paragraph answers the question - Who are you? It introduces you to the Bishop. Remember to state your full name. Tell him something about yourself, your family, your school, activities, and where you were born etc.

The second paragraph answers the question – Why do you want to be confirmed? Hopefully by this point in your preparation you have moved beyond the response, “Because my parents are making me.” What are you feeling inside?

The third paragraph answers the question - Who is your chosen sponsor and why? How did you make this decision? What makes your relationship with this person special or different?

The fourth paragraph answers the question - What Confirmation name are you taking and why? Why is this name special to you? What is the history of this name? Tell a little about why the saint is special to you. (*Saint Names will be also be discussed in class on March 14th, 2012, however we recommend candidates complete their research prior to this class. This will also help them complete this section of the letter to the Bishop.*)

The fifth paragraph answers one of the most significant questions of the letter - What change is Confirmation going to make in your life? What are you going to do after Confirmation? What impact is this going to have on you, your home life, your church life, your community, the world? How are you going to make a difference?

Closing: (*Choices include the following:*)

Sincerely yours,

In Christ,

(Don't forget to sign the letter)

PLEASE BRING THESE LETTERS TO CLASS WITH YOU TO SESSION 14 – MARCH 14, 2012.