

Candidate's Name _____

Draft Letter to our Bishop, Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.

TO BE TURNED IN NO LATER THAN.....DECEMBER 9, 2018

On this page you are to write a draft letter about why you feel you are ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Include information about your sacramental life, your connection with your sponsor, and how you have grown spiritually this past year. You may also include information about your Community Service, what you did, and how it affected you. The most important fact to share with the Bishop is how you feel your service helped you grow as a Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ. **HOWEVER, THIS SHOULD NOT BE THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF YOUR LETTER.**

YOUR FINAL DRAFT TO THE BISHOP WILL BE TYPED. YOU THEREFORE MAY TYPE THE DRAFT IF EASIER AT THIS TIME.

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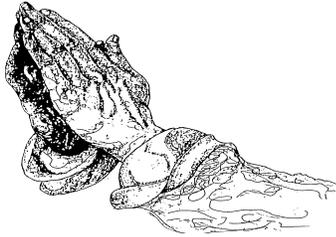
Date

Dear Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.,

Sincerely, (or Respectfully, or Graciously,)

Your full name

This is a **sample** of how the Final Letter will look on letterhead. Once you receive your draft back, with any corrections to be made, please make them and email the Final Letter to office2@stmarysre.org no later than **January 7, 2019**.



Mary, Mother of the Church Parish Sacramental Program

July 1, 2015

Dear Bishop David M. O’Connell, C.M.,

I am without a doubt ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. I have been blessed with parents that have not only given me birth but have shown me the virtues of being a Catholic. I’m so very, very fortunate that my 9 siblings and I grew up in a household where we wanted to attend Mass and not just that we had to attend Mass. I hope that I will continue to follow in my parents path well into adulthood.



Over the course of my Confirmation preparation, I had been asked to do at least 20 hours of community service. Initially I was overwhelmed with the thought of 20 hours. Where were these hours going to be taken from in my already busy schedule? In actuality, I have gone above and beyond the required number of hours and will continue to serve others however I am able. A few of my favorite services were making PB&J sandwiches for TASK, being an assistant at the local Library and helping out at the Parish’s Vacation Bible School. I realized I had so much more of myself to give, than I’d ever given myself credit. I just loved working with others and being able to give and not always get something back in return.

I have been blessed with a wonderful Aunt Edie who not only has been my sponsor, but is also my God-mother. Aunt Edie has kept my faith strong with weekly calls or texts. She re-minds me that Jesus is always by my side through the tough times. There have been many times my strength has wavered this year. I tore my ACL and have been unable to play soccer. I know that doesn’t seem like a fail but I’ve played my whole life. Now I know I’m being tested but with my Aunt’s strength and encouragement to continue in PT, I know I will be back on the field and scoring again.

EXAMPLE...PLEASE DO NOT USE MY LETTER

During the year, I have also been attending religious classes. We have been strengthening our bond with God through his words and actions. I feel that making Confirmation will bring me even closer to my faith. Where my parents chose me to become a Catholic at Baptism, I am now ready to make that choice in Confirmation. I have spiritually grown over the years and want to continue as a child of God now as a teen. I have learned so much more than just praying. His guidance has helped me grow as a person.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Zola