

Guidelines for Letter to the Bishop and Pastor

After you write your letter, and have edited it with a parent or sponsor, return it to us by attaching it to an email to Patrick Copenheaver at: reled@stpatrickyork.net, or dropping at the Parish Office for the Faith Formation Office **by Mar. 7, 2026**. Please share your letter with your sponsor in person or via a phone/email for feedback and conversation.

Your letter should include the following information and answer the following prompts within each paragraph - write one paragraph for each dotted topic:

(Greeting): Dear Bishop Senior and Fr. Kelley,

- Introduce yourself. You can write about your family, the high school you attend, etc.
- Explain why do you want to be confirmed... who you chose for your sponsor, and why....and what name have you chosen as your Confirmation name and why you chose this particular Saint...
- Share in what ways your faith has grown during your 2 years of preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation
- Share some challenges you are facing in living your faith, and some discoveries you have personally made about your faith or the role of the Holy Spirit in your life.
- Explain what you think makes being Catholic unique or special, and how do you plan to live out your Catholic faith in high school and beyond?
- Assure the Bishop and Fr. Kelley of your prayers and thank them for their ministry.

Your letter should be a full-page, typed and signed properly.

Some signature possibilities include:

With gratitude,
Keeping you in prayer,
In Christ,
Blessings,
Peace to you,

(your signature, full name)