

****Bishop letters are preferably typed, but neatly handwritten is acceptable. This is a SAMPLE letter; use your own words. ****

The Most Reverend Andrew H. Cozzens
Bishop of Crookston
1200 Memorial Drive
Crookston, MN 56716

(today's date)

Dear Bishop Cozzens,

I, (Name) _____, a member of (Parish name) _____ Parish in (City Name) _____, am currently participating in the preparation process for Confirmation. (Here, take a few sentences and introduce yourself to the Bishop. You may wish to include information about yourself, your family, interests, school, extracurricular activities, or other things you want to share with the Bishop).

I hereby request the privilege of being confirmed in the Catholic faith because....(You write your reasons here. Explain why you want to be confirmed and complete your Christian initiation. Perhaps use examples from what you learned and experienced in your course (class) sessions, meetings with your sponsor, service opportunities, etc.)

Part of my preparation has been to be a good steward of my time and talents. I have shared my gifts by.... (Describe your service projects and how you felt about them—especially consider where you found Christ in the other.)

I have chosen Saint/Blessed _____ as my Confirmation saint. This includes: (state your reasons for choosing your saint-it really should be something more than, "I like to ice-skate, and Saint Lidwina of Schiedam is the patron saint of ice skaters)-Give this some thought. WHY is St. Lydwina the patron of skaters? Because of her life of holiness! In 1396, she was severely injured in an ice-skating accident at age 16, and she was paralyzed and physically challenged for decades. She spent her time praying, meditating, and joyfully offered even her pain to God. She developed a deep devotion to the Eucharist. She was blind for the last seven years of her life, but her prayer life and the spiritual consolation she received from the Lord helped her radiate joy amid suffering. She died at age 53.

As a full member of the church, I will continue to live out my faith by da....(Describe how you plan to continue participating in the Church after Confirmation. How do you plan to live the Catholic way of life?)

Respectfully yours,

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