



St. Mary's Parish, Mansfield, MA
Confirmation Formation - CYI
LETTER TO THE PASTOR
DUE DATE: _____

Every candidate is asked to write a letter to our pastor to request that he/she receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is the pastor who recommends the students to the Bishop's office to receive this sacrament of our Church. The letter should respond to each question below. It is helpful when personal examples are given to explain your answers. Occasionally, the Bishop or the designated minister of Confirmation will choose to review some letters. Your letter could be chosen in response to such a request.

1. Please write your name, age, school and year/grade in school, and the date on the top right side of the page.
2. Briefly introduce yourself (family, likes)
3. Explain, in your own words, the Sacrament of Confirmation as a sacrament of Christian initiation.
4. As such, what should the Church community expect from someone who is confirmed?
5. Explain the importance of the weekend Mass for Catholics and your commitment to it.
6. God has blessed us with gifts and talents to build up the Church in the world. What "gifts" can you offer to the Church and society as a whole?
7. What are some challenges you will face as you live your call of discipleship?
8. Explain, using examples from Scripture, why you will be anointed with oil at the Confirmation Mass?
9. Who have you chosen to be your sponsor? Why did you choose this person?

Type the letter in 12 point font.