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## Requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation for Spring 2026

You are free to respond to God's call to live your faith more deeply - to worship, witness, and serve as a confirmed Catholic. If you wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, **type** a letter of request to Father McLafferty stating your desire. Please follow these guidelines.

### **Greeting**

Begin your letter with the greeting: **Dear Father McLafferty,**

### **Body of the Letter** *(These are suggestions to write about, not limitations.)*

#### **Introduction - State your full name**

- Tell about yourself, your interests, your family and your school.
- Tell about your religious upbringing, faith within your family, you can mention anyone who has been an example of living out the Catholic Faith for you.

#### **Your Christian Faith - Give reasons why being a Catholic is important to you.**

- How does being a Catholic make a difference in your life?
- Do your actions show that you are a follower of Christ? Give examples.
- Describe how often you pray, both by yourself and with others.
- Why is prayer important to you?
- What are some of the things you discuss with God?

#### **Knowledge of the Catholic Faith & Sacramental Life**

- Describe what you have learned over the years.
- Do you ever read the Bible?
- **What questions do you still have about our faith?**
- Do you attend Mass weekly?
- Can you make the promise to continue attending Mass weekly and reconciliation yearly after receiving Confirmation? Will you have the help of family in this?

**Your Decision** - Write why you think you are ready for Confirmation this year, or why you want to put it off until a future date when you are more ready.

- Conclude the letter and sign **your full name**.

**Put it in a sealed envelope addressed to Father McLafferty and deliver it in person to Deacon Anthony's Office.**

**Please do not give your letter to your Catechist.**

**Everyone must write a letter.**

**The deadline for receiving the letter is the week of February 23, 2026**