

Dear Candidates,

Tonight you will be asked to start writing a letter to the Very Reverend Fr. Nicholas Clavin requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation. As Year Two Candidates, you are required to write a letter stating your desire to be confirmed. The letter describes your personal faith journey so far. Please write what is in your heart and take this endeavor seriously. These topics should be covered in your own words and style. All letters should be neatly written and you should check your spelling and grammar.

Here are some guidelines.

GREETING: Begin your letter with the greeting – Dear Very Reverend Fr. Nicholas Clavin,

BODY OF LETTER:

Paragraph 1 Introduce yourself. Say something about your family, where you go to school and how long you have been attending St. Gregory Church.

Paragraph 2 Request the sacrament. Give several reasons why you would like to be confirmed.

Paragraph 3 Explain how you have prepared for the sacrament. It is important that you tell specific aspects of your preparation: your prayer life, your celebration of the other sacraments, your service hours, your sponsor's name and why you chose them and/or your saint's name and why you chose it.

Paragraph 4 Tell what difficulties young people today face and how you will continue to carry out your life of service to God and others through the power of the Holy Spirit. Tell how receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation will help you keep your faith real and alive in your life.

CONCLUSION: Conclude your letter by restating your desire to complete the last Rite of Initiation-Confirmation. Remember to end your letter with your complete signature.

Please keep in mind that, "there is no "right" way" to write this letter. Just as each person's experience has been different, so will yours. You will have success when you write from your heart. Feel free to ask your sponsor for advice, keeping in mind that this is YOUR letter. If you don't finish this evening, take it home and turn it in by your Final Interview with Suzanne.

Peace,

Suzanne

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In Christ,