

Immaculate Conception, Saint Peter's & Saint Mary's Parishes

Confirmation Preparation Program

Letter of Intent

The *Sacramental Guidelines* for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee state:

Letters of Intent should be written to the confirming bishop. The letter of intent *may* include... the confirmand's desire to be confirmed; a statement or two about his or her faith growth—past, present, future; a description of their service endeavors and the effect these have had on his or her life.

This letter may also include the following: a summary of the reasons why the candidate feels ready to be confirmed, any doubts or difficulties experienced by the candidate, some of the personally important aspects of the program, some points that could be included in the Confirmation homily.

Remember that the bishop will read your letter. He will want to know what has been important to you. This is an opportunity for you to express what is in your heart and mind as you finalize your decision to be confirmed.

Some questions to consider and include:

1. Do you want to be confirmed? Why or why not?
2. Are you ready to be confirmed? Why or why not?
3. Describe your faith journey (past, present, future vision).
4. What doubts or difficulties have you experienced as you have prepared for confirmation?
5. What aspects of the religious education program were important and meaningful for you?
6. What points would you like to see included in the Confirmation homily?

The letter should be written in standard style (see sample on back). It should be sent or turned in to the Youth Ministry Office or St. Peter's School Office no later than **April 1, 2012**. *The Youth Minister will review your letters and send them to the bishop.* Please type the letter if possible and make sure you check your spelling and punctuation. (Use spell check!) It does not have to be a literary masterpiece, but remember the Bishop does read them.

Please call Maureen Rotramel in the Youth Ministry Office if you have any questions at 284-2102 x15.

Sample Letter of Intent

April 1, 2012

The Most Rev. Jerome Listecki
Letter of Intent
c/o Youth Ministry Office
1802 N. Wisconsin Street
Port Washington, WI 53074

***Important: Use this address on all your letters.
If you mail this letter, make sure to send it to
this address!***

Dear Archbishop Listecki,

or

Your Excellency,

or

Dear Most Reverend Father,

I am writing to you to express my desire to be confirmed on June 3, 2012 at St. Mary's in Port Washington. I would like to be confirmed in the Catholic Faith because...

Sincerely yours,

Make sure you *sign* your name!

Your Name (printed)