



LETTER TO FATHER JIM REQUESTING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

All second year Confirmation students must write a letter to Father Jim requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation. The purpose of the letter is two-fold. First, it encourages each student to reflect on his or her preparation for this final Sacrament of initiation and to examine his or her maturing faith. Second, it gives Father Jim a glimpse into the faith life of each student prior to Confirmation.

Following is a suggested approach to the student's letter.

Greeting: Begin as you normally would, "Dear Father Jim".

Body: The body of the letter should cover several specific points:

- Start by introducing yourself and providing some background information about you and your family.
- Describe how you have been preparing for Confirmation. You may want to talk about your prayer life, your celebration of other Sacraments (Eucharist, Reconciliation) and your involvement with the specific service projects you have chosen. How have these affected you? Have they impacted your faith?
- Provide several reasons why you would like to be confirmed. What does it mean to you?
- Discuss any future plans you may have that resulted from your preparation, your "journey" to Confirmation.

Conclusion: Conclude your letter by thanking Father Jim. Then sign it with your complete signature using your baptismal name.

Letters should be completed by March 31 and sent to:

Religious Education Office
St. John St. Paul Collaborative Offices
39 Washington Street
Wellesley, MA 02481

Sample letters are available upon request.