



# Letter to Confirming Bishop

## Bishop Jeffrey Haines

Before the celebration of confirmation, the confirming bishop is required by Canon Law to know that the candidates have been properly prepared. He should also know that you have a desire for and the knowledge of the sacrament. To help the bishop meet his responsibility, we are going to ask you to write a letter to him. The letter is to address three basic questions and a note of gratitude. He does carefully read these and will make note of some of the answers during the homily at our Confirmation Liturgy. Please take time to write out these answers. He is not looking for textbook answers but truly does want to know what you think about Confirmation in relation to your own faith life.

*(At the top of your letter)*

Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
PO Box 070912  
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912

*(Date)*

January xx, 2021

*(Salutation)*

Your Excellency,

*(Body of your letter)*

**What does confirmation mean to you?**

In your own words, write two or three paragraphs explaining what the Sacrament of Confirmation means to you.

**Why do you feel you are ready to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation?**

Again, in your own words, write two or three paragraphs about why you feel you are ready to celebrate this sacrament.

**What name did you select as your Confirmation name? Why did you select this saint?** It's important to for His Excellency to know, in two or three paragraphs, your understanding of why we select saint names as part of the Confirmation Sacrament.

**Express your gratitude to His Excellency** for celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Mary's Visitation Parish on February 27, 2021.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

*(Print your first and last name)*

*(Sign your first and last name)*