

Church of St. Bartholomew

Outline – Letter to the Bishop 2018-2019

Candidates for Confirmation write a letter to **Bishop Michael William Fisher**, this year's presider, requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation. This letter, signed in your own hand, testify to the Bishop your desire to be Confirmed and fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

Dear _____,

1st Paragraph

- Introduce yourself, your family and your parish
- Say something about yourself: hobbies, talents, sports etc...

2nd Paragraph

- Make a formal request for the Sacrament of Confirmation
- Express your readiness for the Sacrament:
 - Spiritually-your personal relationship with God and your faith
 - Academically-describe your studies and assignment
 - Service-describe your service experience and how it impacted your life

3rd Paragraph

- Introduce your sponsor, his/her relationship to you, and what made you choose this person
- Tell who your Confirmation saint is and what made you choose him/her.

4th Paragraph

- Describe how you will continue to grow in your relationship to God and your commitment to the Church and your neighbor after Confirmation.

Close with a statement similar to the following:

“Bishop Fisher, thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I look forward to meeting you on Saturday, April 6, 2019 when you come to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Church of St. Bartholomew.”

Sincerely,

Signature (**Make sure you sign your name to this letter!**)

Your Name Typed