

## **Letter to the Pastor Requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation**

***Letter Due by March 12, 2021***

Confirmation candidates are to write a letter to Fr. Joe Whalen, St. Timothy's pastor, requesting to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. It should include a statement of why you seek the sacrament of Confirmation and a statement of how you intend to faithfully live out the responsibilities that are proper to a confirmed member of the church.

**This is a special letter so please take some time to formulate & write with purpose. Typing is preferred, but you may also hand write it.**

A sample format of the letter is as follows:

Dear Fr. Joe,

**First paragraph:** Explain in your own words why you wish to be confirmed & refer to the statements below.

**Second paragraph:** What is your Confirmation name? Why have you chosen this name?

**Third paragraph:** Name your sponsor and why you chose this person to be your sponsor.

**Finally:** The letter is to be signed by you, the candidate.

Request to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation

- Your name and personal background with God and the Church.
- How you have grown over the process of Confirmation preparation.
- Why you wish to be confirmed.
- How Confirmation will affect you, now and in the future.
- Specific ways you plan to live out your faith as an active member of St. Timothy's and the Catholic Church after Confirmation.
- What you ask of St. Timothy's faith community (i.e. how can the community continue to support you in your faith journey).
- Any other information you wish to include.

Or, request that your Confirmation should be postponed to a later date

- Explain why you believe it would be best to postpone Confirmation.
- Describe conversations with your sponsor around this topic.
- Any other information you wish to include.

**The letter should be only one page. Turn in to the main office by March 12. Kristen will collect all the letters, mark them as complete, and give to Fr. Joe.**