## The Letter to the Bishop

• Please make sure you address the Bishop as follows:

Most Reverent Bishop of Allentown

- Letter should be dated April 29, 2021
- Letters should be typed or clearly/neatly handwritten
  - o Black or blue ink only! (Not pencil)
- The letter should clearly express the following
  - Your name
  - o Parish/school
  - o Age/Grade
  - o Chosen Confirmation name and why
  - <u>Explain</u> what you have done during your course of study, such as-Catholic School, Religious Education Program,
     Confirmation Study, your completed Acts of Service
  - o <u>Ask</u> to be confirmed and state it is your <u>own choice</u> and desire
  - Write about why it is important to you as a Catholic to be Confirmed
- Please end your letter with you name <u>typed</u> (printed) <u>and your</u> <u>signature</u>
- All letters should be turned into the PREP Office by 04/16/2021 together with sponsor letter, saint name project and corporal work of mercy paper. Please bring it all together and not one document at time.

Any questions, please feel free to ask Valerie Christo, DRE.

Here is an example of what you might say to the Bishop in your letter. Do not follow this example word for word but try to include the three points mentioned above in your letter. Also, your letter should be typed or written in ink with your handwritten signature. The letter should not be written in pencil.

**Put Date here** 

Most Reverend Bishop,

I have been preparing for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for quite some time, and I would like to be confirmed in my faith. I would like to be "sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit".

As a teenager, I realize that more and more maturity will be expected from me. This is true of my faith-life also. I would like to be strengthened by the gift of the Holy Spirit as I begin this important task.

To prepare for this Sacrament, I have faithfully attended the Catechetical instructions at my parish and tried to be of service to others by (list here the specific programs you took part in.) In the future, I intend to continue serving the community.

As you can see, I have chosen to be part of the mission of Christ. I am requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you.

Sincerely,
(Your handwritten signature)
Confirmation Candidate of Saint Benedict Parish