



Saints Francis & Clare  
of Assisi  
Roman Catholic Church

## Confirmation Letter to the Archbishop

### **Letters to the Archbishop**

As part of the candidates' preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, the archbishop requests that each candidate submit a letter to him. This letter is meant to be more than just a statement from the young person asking for the sacrament. Since he cannot be a part of each and every formation program, the letters help the archbishop to see how the young people have been preparing for this celebration, as well as for life strengthened by the Holy Spirit after the celebration. In addition, so many of the letters stand as a testament to faith and devotion of the young Church, a sign of hope for us all.

**Since it is meant to address each young person's own journey and preparation, the letter should not be a "form letter." While some guidance may be given, it needs to stand as a composition of that individual. The candidates should note in the letter to which parish they belong.**

When the archbishop is the celebrant, he uses the information from the letters as a part of his homily, enabling him to speak to the experiences and needs of the candidates more personally. The archbishop does not use names from the letters in his homily so as not to embarrass anyone, aside from speaking about the selection of the saint name and why.

Questions to include...

- 1-What does Confirmation mean to me?
- 2-Why am I choosing to be confirmed?
- 3-What saint's name did I choose and why?
- 4-Whom did I choose for my sponsor and why?
- 5-What did I do for my service hours? What did I learn/gain from the experience?

**All letters should be addressed to Archbishop Thompson.**

**All letters should be written in the form of a letter with a date, a heading, a body with full sentences and paragraphs and a closing with your signature.**

**All should be written in your BEST handwriting, with care and reflection.**

**Our leaders are here to help you, please feel free to ask questions.**