

Writing a Letter to Father Bernie Gruenes

Writing a letter to the priest comes from the ancient practice of formally requesting the presiding minister to bestow the sacrament on the individual. It is also meant to be indicative of the person's freely choosing to receive the sacrament.

The letter should reflect your individuality as much as possible.
The following format is suggested:

Date

Greeting (Dear Father Bernie Gruenes)

Introductory Paragraph

Your name

Grade in school, school attending, and activities involved in

When you will receive the sacrament

Paragraph on why you wish to be confirmed and what Confirmation means to you.

Paragraph on the type of things you will do AFTER being confirmed to remain an active and participating member of the Church (support the mission of the church), and how studying for Confirmation has helped you grow closer to God (be as personal as possible). Include the things that you have done in past years to be an active member of the Church, are you going to continue these activities?

Paragraph on how your faith has been impacted by your parents and home environment?

Paragraph on why you choose the person you chose to be your sponsor

- Closing
- Signature

It is important that you include much of this information however you do not need to write only about the things listed above. This is your time to tell Fr. Bernie anything that you would like to tell him. He really enjoys reading these letters.

The Letter must be typed and is due by the end of January , 2010