

## **Letter to Bishop Outline**

(this is a guide and does not need to be followed exactly)

Dear Bishop Haines (or Your Excellency),

### **I. Introduction**

- a. Tell about yourself
  - i. **Give your name**
  - ii. You could tell how old you are
  - iii. Give an interesting fact about yourself
    1. I like to play \_\_\_\_ (what sport / instrument/etc.)
    2. I like to \_\_\_\_ (draw / perform in theatre / build sets / work on cars /ride horses/ etc.)
    3. I am interested in doing \_\_\_\_\_ after I graduate.
    4. Other
  - iv. Talk about your family
    1. I am the oldest/middle/youngest of \_\_\_\_.
    2. I have a pet (or don't) / I live in \_\_\_\_
    3. Something interesting about your family
      - a. As a family we like to \_\_\_\_ (ski / play family games / take care of the farm / go camping /etc.)
      - b. We have lived in \_\_\_\_\_ all my life or we moved around a lot or we moved to \_\_\_\_\_ when I was \_\_\_\_.
    4. Other
- b. **Why you picked your Saint**
  - i. **I chose Saint \_\_\_\_\_**
  - ii. I chose this Saint because \_\_\_\_\_ (we have the same name / it was my grandmother/father's name / S/he is the patron Saint of \_\_\_\_ and I admire that/like to play sports/was impressed with how they lived/etc.)
  - iii. Interesting fact about your Saint then tell why you admire that.
    1. S/he was \_\_\_\_ years old when s/he became a Saint.
    2. Died a horrific death because they defended their faith
    3. Did amazing work doing \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. **Talk about your Faith - why you want to be Confirmed**
  - i. **DO NOT SAY 'I am only doing this because my (grand)parent(s) is/are making me.'**
  - ii. Talk about what you learned in class that helped you to choose to fully join the Catholic Church.
    1. Talk about a favorite class
    2. Talk about something said that affected you
  - iii. Talk about the retreat
    1. What you liked / or didn't like
    2. Was there a part that moved you?
    3. What you learned
  - iv. What/who helped you on your journey to decide
- d. Closing
  - i. Write: Sincerely, print and sign your name