

LETTER TO THE BISHOP

INSTRUCTIONS: The following issues should be addressed in the letter to the Bishop requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation. As you respond to each question, please use the question number to identify your response. The letter should be addressed to Bishop Persico. (The letters will be mailed together by the Rel Ed office.)

1. Why do you feel you are ready for this sacrament?
2. What saint's name have you chosen?
3. What characteristics of the saint whose name you are taking would you hope to model in your life?
4. Tell why you picked your sponsor. What in your sponsor's life tells you what it means to be a follower of Christ?
5. God calls each of us to be disciples in a particular way of life. This call is lived out through a variety of vocations such as marriage, the single life, the life of a deacon or priest or that of a religious sister or brother. Have you prayed to God asking that he reveal your vocation to you?
6. Have you ever thought God might be calling you to follow Him as a priest or deacon, religious sister or brother?
7. Please list the service projects in which you were involved.
8. Please write a few words on how you felt about giving during your service projects. How will these experiences encourage you to further service in the future?
9. What was the theme of your Confirmation retreat? Please write a few words on what was the most meaningful part of the retreat for you.

STYLE ISSUES: This is a serious letter indicating your desire and intent to be confirmed. It should be typed, if possible, and have a professional appearance. It should exhibit your best effort to identify yourself as one ready to accept the challenges of being a member of the Catholic community of faith. The letter should be signed by hand. If using a formal letter style use the following address:

Most Reverend Bishop Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
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Erie, PA 16514