

Guidelines for Parents Writing a Letter to Archbishop Michael Requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation for their Child

Dear Parents (or Guardians):

The celebration of Confirmation is a key teachable moment in the life of your child. As his/her primary catechists and spiritual shepherds, you play a vital role in their Sacramental preparation. I invite you to write a brief letter to me about how your child, together with your whole family, has been preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Among the questions you should answer:

- Why do you want your child to be confirmed this year?
- What are you doing to help him/her prepare for receiving the Sacrament?
- How do you pray together as a family?
- After Confirmation, how will you continue to assist your child in his/her faith journey?

The letter is intended to provide you with an opportunity to reflect on this important occasion in the spiritual life of your family. It should be typed up (not handwritten) and be about a page in length.

Please give your letter to your child to hand in to their School or PREP teacher at least two weeks before the Confirmation date.