



**DUE :  
April 28 2024  
THE RETREAT DAY**

**SACRED HEART CAMPUS**  
910 Main Street South, Southbury, CT 06488  
**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS CAMPUS**  
1263 West street, Middlebury, CT 06762

# Bishop Letter

Write a letter to Archbishop Coyne asking to be Confirmed. Make a copy of the letter addressed to Fr. Bob. This is an important part of the Confirmation process because it shows that it is your decision to participate in this special Sacrament. Make your letter personal to the Archbishop Blair as if you were writing to a friend telling him or her about the process you've gone through and your decision to be Confirmed.

## Here are some things to keep in mind:

- Address your letter: **Dear Archbishop Coyne** and a copy of the same letter to **Dear Father Bob**
- Introduce yourself and the parish you're from.
- Tell him about the preparation process - the last 2 years (service, workshops, retreats).
- Tell him what it means for you to be a Catholic.
- Tell him the saint's name you chose and why you chose it.
- Tell him who you chose to be your sponsor and why you chose him or her.
- Tell him how your faith has grown in the last 2 years.
- Think of an example how one or more of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit (which you will receive at Confirmation) might be useful to you in the future.
- Tell him if anything in the last several years of faith formation has made you want to pursue a career in service to others and or the church.

These are just some good ideas as to what you can put in your letter. Remember, it's **your letter**, so say it from your heart. Your Confirmation is a really a big day. You will be strengthened by the Holy Spirit. That's what the apostles received after Jesus ascended to heaven after His resurrection. The power of the Holy Spirit was so strong that the Apostles were willing to lose their lives rather than not spread the word about Jesus Christ. That's awesome !

## Letter should be:

- Typed and saved on your computer—just in case. Please do not put in envelopes or covers.
- Double-spaced and about 1 page.
- Copy of the same letter addressed to Father Bob.
- **Remember to sign your name!!**
- **Common spelling errors:** altar/**not alter**, Confirmation/**not conformation**
- **Capitalize God/not god**