

LETTER TO THE PASTOR

Dear Candidates,

The following is a sample letter that you can refer to when composing your own letter to Fr. Sam. Do **NOT** use the exact words as in the sample letter. The information below should be incorporated into your own personally written letter. These 5 points must be covered in writing your letter:

1. Request to receive Confirmation
2. How have I prepared (Spiritually, Socially, Personally) and what did I enjoy about each of the following:
 - Sessions
 - Youth Group
 - Ministry/Service Hours
3. What Confirmation means to me.
4. How I plan to carry out my commitment to live as a disciple of Christ.
5. How I plan to participate as a full member of the Catholic Church and a parishioner of St. Therese.

Directions:

- Letter must be signed in ink.
- No visible corrections, stains, etc.
- Be sure to check spelling, grammar, etc.
- Fold neatly and mail in a standard envelope to:
Reverend Samuel Citero O Carm., St. Therese Church, 200 Jefferson Ave, Cresskill N.J. 07626
- **Your letter is due to Fr. Sam NO LATER than April 20, 2015.**

SAMPLE LETTER

Dear Father Sam,

I, (*candidate's name*), a member of the parish of St. Therese, ask you to confirm me as a member of the Roman Catholic Church. I would like to be "sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit".

I want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation because (*write about why you would like to be confirmed, keeping in mind what this sacrament calls forth in us as we become mature Christians in the Roman Catholic Church*).

To prepare for this Sacrament, I have faithfully attended Mass on Sundays. I have studied my religion and (*mention the types of ministry/community service you have done AND how you have been socially active in the parish. For example: Youth Group Activities*).

The name by which I wish to be called at my Confirmation is (). I have chosen this name because (*express the reasons for your choice*).

I know the gifts of the Holy Spirit that I will receive at Confirmation will help me to bear witness to the gospel of Jesus and to join in building up his Church...his body. I realize that I will be required to show more maturity by (*list the ways*). I wish to (*share some ideas as to how you will commit to study the faith and how you plan to build up the Kingdom of God in your life*).

Sincerely,

(*sign your name*)