

**St. Patrick's Parish
Bedford, NY 10506**

Requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation

If you wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, you must write a letter of request to our Pastor, Msgr. John Ferry, stating your desire. Please follow these guidelines and return your typed (not handwritten) letter to your catechist **no later than** TUESDAY, October 30th and SUNDAY, November 4th. This letter is confidential.

Greeting

- ◆ **Begin your letter with the greeting: Dear Monsignor Ferry**

Body of the Letter

- ◆ **Paragraph 1:**

**Introduce yourself.
Tell something about your family, your background.**

- ◆ **Paragraph 2:**

**Request the sacrament.
Give several reasons why you would like to be confirmed.**

- ◆ **Paragraph 3:**

**Explain how you are preparing for the sacrament.
It is important that you tell about specific parts of your preparation: your prayer life, your celebration of the other sacraments, your service for others exercised within the parish and the community that you live in, etc.**

- ◆ **Paragraph 4:**

**Tell how you will continue to carry out your life of service to God and others through the power of the Spirit.
Tell how you plan to make your confirmation in the faith real and alive in the future.**

Conclusion

- ◆ **Conclude the letter and write your complete signature.**