

# Letter to Bishop Paul J. Bradley

\*Keep in mind the following while you are writing your letter to Bishop Paul Bradley.

An introduction to who you are (name, age, grade, school, interests)

Information you learned from the saint you researched

What Confirmation name you will be taking and why

A way you grew closer in your relationship to God through the Confirmation process

How you are living the Works of Mercy through service to the community

Why do you want to be Confirmed and what does this Sacrament mean to you

How you have been preparing yourself to receive this Sacrament

Who is your sponsor and why

A formal request for Confirmation

How do you intent to continue being of service to your Church and community after you have been confirmed?

\*Please discuss this letter with your Sponsor and your parents.

\*Remember that Bishop Bradley reads each letter, prays for you during your preparation and uses them during his Homily at your Confirmation Mass!

(today's date)

Dear Bishop Bradley,

I, **(Name)** \_\_\_\_\_, a member of **(Parish Name)** \_\_\_\_\_ Parish in \_\_\_\_\_ **(City Name)**, am currently participating in the preparation process for Confirmation. **(Here, take a few sentences and introduce yourself to the Bishop. You may wish to include some information about yourself, your family, interests, school, or extracurricular activities or other things you want to share with the Bishop).**

I am formally requesting the privilege of being confirmed in the Catholic faith because . . . **(You write your reasons here. Explain why you want to be confirmed and complete your Christian initiation. Perhaps use examples from what you learned and experienced in your course (class) sessions, meetings with your sponsor, service opportunities, etc.)**

Part of my preparation has been to be a good steward of my time and talents. I have shared my gifts by...**(Describe your service project(s) and describe how you felt about it--especially think about where did you find Christ in the other?)**

I have chosen \_\_\_\_\_ to be my Confirmation sponsor. I know him/her because.... **(Explain the importance of this person in your life and why they are good Catholic role model)**

I have chosen Saint/Blessed \_\_\_\_\_ as my Confirmation saint. The reasons for this include: **(state your reasons for choosing your saint--it really should be something more than, "I like to ice-skate and Saint Lydwina of Schiedam is the patron saint of ice skaters). Give this some thought.** WHY is St. Lydwina the patron of skaters? Because of her life of holiness! In 1396, she was severely injured in an ice-skating accident at age 16, and she was paralyzed and physically challenged for decades. She spent her time praying, meditating, and joyfully offered even her pain to God. She developed a deep devotion to the Eucharist. She was blind for the last seven years of her life, but her prayer life and the spiritual consolation she received from the Lord helped her radiate joy in the midst of suffering. She died at age 53.

As a full member of the Church, I will continue to daily live out my faith by ... **(Describe how you plan to continue participating in the Church after Confirmation. How do you plan to live the Catholic way of life?)**

Respectfully yours,

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(write your name below your Signature)