

# ST. LUKE CATHOLIC CHURCH CONFIRMATION

## LETTER OF INTENT / THANKS



Each student is required to write a letter to Fr. Paul formally requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation. Use the attached worksheet to help create a rough draft for the letter. Bring the rough draft to class the week of March 24<sup>th</sup> and use it to write your final letter. Final letters will be handwritten and turned in at a later time. The confirmation office will then be posting your letters on the walls of the Education hallway.

### The letter should include the following:

1. It should be addressed to Fr. Paul and the Parishioners of St. Luke.
2. The request should be stated in great humility.
3. The request should be accompanied by an explanation of why you are prepared to receive the sacrament, and the candidate should state his/her desire to be confirmed.

## CANDIDATE INFORMATION

### The letter should include a brief explanation of the following:

- Favorite topics studied during preparation;
- A short explanation why you chose your Confirmation Saint;
- Types of Christian service accomplished (service hours);
- Some of your personal comments/thoughts about your faith;
- How you plan to live out your faith after Confirmation.

### To help You Prepare:

To help you prepare to write this letter, think about the topics you've covered in classes or resources that you've used over the last few years. Review your study guide and materials to remind you of what you've covered in your faith journey. It is not necessary to list everything you have studied; three or four examples of study topics would suffice. Be sure to choose topics that interested you greatly, or ones that really impacted you.

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**Note to Candidate:** Use this sample outline as a guide to help you in writing your *Letter of Intent* to Fr. Paul and the parishioners of St. Luke.

- The Letter will be handwritten. Your 1st Draft can be typed, you will be expected and required to handwrite the final version.
- You should include:
  - Your desire to be confirmed;
  - Reasons why you feel you are ready to be confirmed;
  - Topics that you've covered that impacted and/or stuck with you;
  - How Confirmation will impact or change your life;
  - How you will use your Gifts of the Holy Spirit

## SAMPLE

Date

Dear Fr. Paul and parishioners of St. Luke Parish,

I humbly request to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this fall. I believe I am ready to receive this sacrament as I have spent the past two years preparing for confirmation and... **(tell how you have grown in your faith , e.g. you have drawn closer to Christ through the sacraments, prayer, love of your faith; you've become a part of a Christ centered community; you've learned new things about the faith; etc.)**

In my classes at St. Luke, I have studied many things about our Catholic Faith. Some of the things I have learned are...**(list some of the topics you have studied in class—choosing ones you most enjoyed or ones that impacted you the most).**

In my preparation, I've completed Christian service hours as part of my preparation. I have humbly and lovingly served the Christian community by...**(explain some service you have performed; what have you turned in for your service hours log).** I have found value in not only having examples of the faith from people in my life now, but also in turning to the Saints for guidance and mentorship. I would like to thank my community at St. Luke for their prayers and especially.. **(indicate who or what ministries helped you in your journey through your service).**

I have chosen my Confirmation Saint to be...**(list your Confirmation Saint's name).** I chose him/her as my Confirmation Saint because...**(explain, briefly, why you chose your Saint).**

After being confirmed, I will use my gifts in our community through ...**(tell ways you think Confirmation will impact your life; explain how your faith journey will continue after receiving the graces from the Sacrament.)** I truly desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and I look forward to the fall in anticipation of my Confirmation Mass.

Yours in Christ,  
(Your Signature Here – Just First Name and Last Initial)  
St. Luke Catholic Church  
Mint Hill, NC

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## 1st DRAFT OUTLINE:

Use this page to build a draft of your letter. Work with your parents to help you draft the letter. Remember all final letters need to be handwritten.

NOTE: You can do your draft on a separate sheet of paper if you need more space. Use the template as a guide, but feel free to make the letter your own, as long as it follows the general guidelines stated on the directions page.

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Full Name, printed (First, Last Initial)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Fr. Paul and parishioners of St. Luke,

I humbly request to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this fall. In my classes at St. Luke, I have studied many things about our Catholic Faith. Some of the things I have learned are

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Christian service was also a part of my preparation. I have lovingly served the Christian community by

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I have found value in not only having examples of the faith from people in my life now, but also in turning to the Saints for guidance and mentorship. I have chosen my Confirmation Saint to be \_\_\_\_\_. I chose him/her as my Confirmation Saint because

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After being confirmed, I will use my gifts in our community through

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I truly desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and look forward in anticipation of my Confirmation Mass this fall.

Yours in Christ,

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(Sign with your name – first, last initial)