

Letter to My Child

Due by October 9, 2024

Dear Mom and Dad,

Your son or daughter will soon be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation, a sacrament of initiation in the Catholic Church.

Confirmation is a celebration of the ongoing powers of the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives. This Gift was given by our loving God to your child at Baptism. Confirmation completes Baptism – it deepens and intensifies the gifts that come from the Spirit.

Prior to receiving a sacrament for the first time, **the Sacrament of Reconciliation must be received. This will take place on your child's retreat on October 26, 2024.** After going to confession and performing penance, this letter you are writing will be given to your son or daughter to read privately.

What should you include in this letter? Here are a few suggestions.

- ◆ Share your personal feelings about this sacrament being conferred upon him/her.
- ◆ How did you feel when you were Confirmed?
- ◆ What are your hopes for your child as you watch him/her complete the sacraments of initiation that began when you asked the Church for the sacrament of baptism?
- ◆ Share your hopes and dreams for your child after they celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation and begin wearing the mantle of Christ.

Please put the letter in a sealed envelope, write your son's or daughter's name on the front of it, and give it to me before October 4, 2023.

Thank you.
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