

March 4, 2019

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Dear Bishop Schuerman,

The reason that I am writing is to request your blessing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. I would like to continue to live my life in faith with God and the Catholic Church. God has given me a path in life to protect and serve others by instilling a love of history and aviation in me at a very young age. I feel that some of the blessings he has given me such as good vision, which no one else in my family has, and a family who supports and encourages my interest has reinforced my dream to become an aviator in the Navy that protects our country.

As an introvert, I prefer to connect with God in a quiet, meaningful way. My favorite part of our Confirmation preparation is Adoration in which I enjoy the quiet time to reflect and pray without interruption. During this reflection, I have become self-aware that my prayers during other times tends to be selfish. I have made a promise to myself to thank God more consistently for the blessings he gives me.

Another part of the preparation that is very important to me is service. I have been a Boy Scout since first grade and have participated in many service projects over the years. In addition, as a Police Explorer, I have accumulated over 100 hours of service in about 2 years. The most meaningful service project to me was when we helped set up tables, serve food and made coffee for a holiday event for impoverished families. It made me feel thankful for all God has given me and strengthened my desire to help others have a better life.

The saint's name that I have chosen is St. Michael the Archangel. Ever since I can remember, my father has worn a medallion around his neck of St. Michael. He is a police officer and believes in the power of St. Michael to keep him safe. After researching St. Michael, who is the leader of the army of God and protects Heaven from all evil, I found him to be honorable and felt really connected to him. I enjoy protecting people who can't protect themselves which is why I want to be a Naval Aviator.

I look forward to the day I receive this Sacrament of Confirmation and meeting you.

Sincerely,

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Dear Bishop Schuerman,

Following much preparation, I am writing to request to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Over the last few years, I have been preparing to take this next step in my faith. I want to get confirmed because I have learned that Confirmation will help me to strengthen my life in the Catholic faith as I approach adulthood.

I have had a very meaningful experience with my Confirmation Preparation. While at class, I have been able to discuss my faith with my peers, as well as my advisers. I felt very welcomed and have learned the significance of prayer, which in turn has improved my prayer life. While fulfilling my Confirmation Preparation, I experienced Adoration for the first time. This was a truly moving experience, as I felt closer to God than ever before.

One experience that really stuck out to me was when I volunteered at a soup kitchen. Originally, I had only decided to go as a requirement to complete one service project for my Confirmation Preparation. However, I am so glad I went, as I was able to provide food for those in need and help bring a smile to their face. Through that experience, I learned how important it is to help those who are less fortunate.

Another significant experience for me was my first retreat. We attended a retreat with many other teens going through the same Confirmation Preparation at nearby parishes. I really enjoyed being able to discuss my faith with more of my peers than I typically would in class. Most importantly, I really enjoyed the talks that we listened to, as the speaker was able to convey the importance of having a good relationship with God, despite our busy lives.

I have chosen St. Elizabeth of Hungary as my saint name. I chose St. Elizabeth of Hungary because she resembles how I would like to be in the future. As I intend to devote my life to a career in the medical field, her ability to establish and work in her own hospital really stuck out to me. Additionally, she demonstrates to me the importance of living my life in prayer and helping the poor.

Thank you for reading my letter and I look forward to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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