

Letter to Archbishop Michael Sheehan

Use 12 pt. Arial or Times New Roman font, single-spaced, double space between paragraphs, 1 inch margins:

Please keep your letter to one typewritten page. The team will look the letter over, make suggestions, and return it to you for corrections if necessary. It is important that all letters be turned in on time. Do not send this letter yourself. The parish will send these letters together. The Archbishop will read all letters.

<Today's date>

The Most Reverend Michael J. Sheehan,
Archbishop of Santa Fe
The Catholic Center
4000 St. Joseph Place NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120

Your Excellency:

In preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, reflecting on my own life, my personal desire to be united to Christ and His Church more fully, and to be strengthened by the Gift of the Holy Spirit, I have come to a fuller understanding of myself, my relationship with God and the Communion of Saints, and my call to serve the Church and the world with the Gifts I intend to receive at Confirmation.

Knowing the importance of taking a Saint's name I have chosen **(tell what name you chose and why. Remember there is a twofold purpose in taking a new name. First, you will be taking an intercessor who will pray on your behalf, and for this reason official patronages are important to mention. Second, it is important to take a saint as an example of how to incorporate virtues and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit into your daily life. You may wish to explain what virtues this saint possesses and how you can imitate these virtues in your own life.)**

In growing in my faith, I have also grown in my appreciation for being Catholic. **(Explain what you like about being Catholic.)**

I respectfully ask with your permission and approval that I be admitted to the Sacrament of Confirmation for the completion of the graces begun in my Baptism.

It is in appreciation that I thank you for this privilege and promise to pray for you and our Church. (Or whatever you feel is appropriate)

Asking Your Excellency's blessing, I am, Yours respectfully in Christ,

<Your full name, e.g. John Q. Smith>