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**Candidates Confirmation Letter to Bishop John W. Flesey
Due in Class by: Sunday, FEBRUARY 11, 2018**

Candidates are asked to write a letter to Bishop Flesey requesting that he confer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please follow the template below which the candidates are asked to use as a reference.

Thank You.

Date you are writing:

The Most Reverend John W. Flesey, S.T.D., D.D.
Auxiliary Bishop of Newark
Most Blessed Sacrament Rectory
787 Franklin Lake Road
Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

Dear Bishop Flesey:

Paragraph # 1: Introduce yourself as well as your family. Your hobbies, etc.

Paragraph # 2: Your hopes and dreams. Describe to Bishop Flesey what you hope to accomplish in life and how you would like to contribute towards the building up your parish family through your gifts and talents. Describe your relationship with the Lord as well as your prayer life. Share with him your priorities in life.

Paragraph # 3: Explain to Bishop Flesey why you want to be confirmed. Please be specific. Remember you don't need to be confirmed to be married in the Roman Catholic Church. There is no "magic" "hocus pocus" when receiving the Sacrament. Share with the Bishop Flesey whom you have asked to be your sponsor. Why? Why should Bishop Flesey confirm you?

Paragraph # 4: In your own opinion what is greatest challenge in being a young adult and a practicing Catholic Christian. Why? Do you truly want to be a practicing Roman Catholic – what is a practicing Roman Catholic? Outside of your family and sponsor, as well as those who serve in any capacity at Immaculate Conception Church, who is your religious role model. Why? Share with Bishop Flesey what you gained out of the retreats.

Paragraph # 5: Closing paragraph. Thank Bishop Flesey for considering you as a candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Anything you may want to add you may do so here.

Sincerely yours,

Your Full Name

YOUR HOME ADDRESS:

JOHN SMITH
123 Straight Street
Whatever Town, NEW JERSEY 12345

***** BISHOP FLESEY HAS REQUESTED THAT **YOU**, NOT A PARENT OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL, WRITE HIM TO COMMUNICATE THAT YOU WISH TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION. THIS LETTER IS TO BE RETURNED TO FR. LEO NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018. PLEASE FOLLOW THE ABOVE FORMAT WHEN WRITING BISHOP FLESEY – ALL LETTERS SHOULD BE TYPED, SINGLE SPACE, PROOF READ WITH ATTENTION TOWARDS SPELL CHECK. I WILL PRESENT THEM TO BISHOP FLESEY WHEN I MEET WITH HIM. THANK YOU – ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT ME DIRECTLY. **PLEASE NOTE – THESE LETTERS SHOULD NOT BE EMAILED TO ME NOR TO ANYONE ELSE – THEY SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO CLASS ON 2/11/2018 IN AN ENVELOPE TO MY ATTENTION.**