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Office of the Bishop  
Diocese of Sioux Falls  
523 N. Duluth Ave.  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Dear Most Reverend Paul Swain,

January 28, 2016

My name is Annamarie Trevvett and I am in the process of completing my Confirmation Classes at St. Katharine Drexel here in Sioux Falls, SD. I am active at St. Katharine Drexel through the Youth Program. Some of my most active projects are helping with the Pancake Breakfast fundraisers, participating in my Y-Disciple group, and attending Youth Group about two times a month. I lector and cantor at Mass; my whole family tries to be an active participant during the Liturgy of the Word. Though I try, I do not have the best prayer life at this time. I feel that my prayer is mundane and that I just “go through the motions” because I hope one day I will be given a deeper connection to Christ. I do notice that I love Eucharistic Adoration and find the most peace when I am in the presence of God. An experience that really changed my love for Adoration was when I attended the Steubenville Conference in Rochester, Minnesota this past summer. I don’t know if it was the music or the power of love that those around me had for Jesus, but I felt so much closer to Him during this time. It is my desire to go back to Steubenville this next summer and be a witness for others like me. If I had to choose one thing that I deeply love about the Catholic Church it would be the Eucharist. There is nothing more beautiful than that physical connection with God that I receive at each Mass. I know there is a lot more to learn and love about the Church as well.

One of the main reasons that I want to be Confirmed this year is to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. I often feel that if I had these gifts, I would be able to navigate through the world a little easier and know exactly what God is calling me to in the world. I know that being Catholic is not easy; that is one of the main reasons that having the Holy Spirit fully within my soul will help me to be the best that I can be for the Church. As I mentioned before, I am active within the Church, but once I am Confirmed, I know that I will be able to give more fully to the Church and to my fellow friends and peers.

One of my all-time favorite verses is Psalm 40:4, “How blessed is the man who has made the Lord his trust...” I have a lot to live up to until this verse is something that I can express as my own. I have no doubt that one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit I need the most right now is courage. There are so many times that I get bogged down with stress from school, work, friendships, and my parents. Knowing that God will be there to help me stay strong in my faith; I need that the most right now.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I will say that I have a lot of doubts about whether the Holy Spirit will guide me during the process of my life after I am Confirmed. This, I hear, is not an uncommon fear. I hope that God will continue to bless you today and always.

Sincerely,

*Annamarie Trevvett*

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## How to Write a Letter to the Bishop

**Your Name**  
**Address**  
**City, State, Zip**

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Dear Most Reverend Paul Swain,

**Date**

Body of your letter: introduce yourself; give an explanation of your service to the Church, your prayer experiences, what retreat you attend, and why you appreciate being Catholic.

Explain why you really want to confirm your faith as a Catholic and what you are prepared to do by way of action within the community of the church and how action is a response of God's goodness in your own life.

Express a favorite scripture and expound upon its meaning in your life. Talk about what gift of the Holy Spirit you most need currently.

Talk about your relationship with Christ and how He impacts your daily life. Really open your heart up to the Bishop. Be honest. Write about your questions, your future as a Catholic, your searching for meaning, and what you have found to be Truth.

Sincerely, [or other very appropriate closing]

**Type your name here and sign above it.**

***Be sure to spell check and proof read.***

*Hand in 2 copies to Annamarie.*

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Final Draft due: December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**\*Handing in this late is NOT acceptable.\***