**LETTER OF PETITION GUIDELINES**

Each candidate preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Diocese of Providence is asked to write a letter to the Bishop stating his/her desire to be confirmed as a Roman Catholic and to receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament.

The following are *some* **suggestions** for the content of this letter:

1) State your name, age and parish you belong to.

2) Tell something about yourself. (Hobbies, what you enjoy etc.)

3) State something you have learned THIS year in your Confirmation classes.

4) Mention something that you learned on the RETREAT this year. (This should have ties to your relationship to God.)

5) State your desire and your request that the Bishop confirm you and why.

6) Ask the Bishop to pray for any special needs you may have (example, sickness in family, crisis you may be going through, vocation decision)

7) Assure the Bishop that he is in your prayers.

8) Thank the Bishop for taking the time to personally read your letter.

**NOTE:** The letter must be neatly hand-written on paper provided by the CCD office. Please follow the format on the reverse side.

Today's date

Most Reverend Thomas J. Tobin, D.D.

Diocese of Providence

1 Cathedral Square

Providence, Rhode Island 02903-3601

Dear Bishop Tobin,

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Sincerely,

(your signature)

**(No envelope is required…all letters will be sent together in one large envelope.)**