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Dear Father Smith:

I am a candidate to make my Confirmation at Saint Joseph Valley Parish in the Spring of 2019. I would like to explain why the Bishop should confirm me. First, I am the President of the organization ABC. This organization I have been a part of since I was six years old. I originally wanted to join the organization because my big brother was in the organization. However, now as the President I enjoy speaking at events and running the events. This is one organization that I will continue to do as I grow in the catholic church.

Another reason why I want to be confirmed is that I spend much of my time helping others in my community. I am helping with the Big Sisters of America. I take a child to places and hang out with her. I am constantly helping her to be a better person. During Lent, I go down to the K House. At the K House, I help a bunch of people who are going home to Christ. We pray with the people and their families.

Confirmation is not graduating from the Catholic Church. It is about now becoming an adult in the Catholic Church. I am ready to receive my Confirmation because I am now going to Confession on a monthly basis versus going once a year. I am now looking to become more active in my parish and work with the community to pray with them.

One aspect of the Catholic faith that is clearer is the importance of being active in the Church. Ms. Linda taught me how I need to evangelize. I need to be open about my Catholic identity. It is through me that others will be able to come to know Jesus.

Being an active member of the Church means I need to do something with my church community. I am going to be active member by being a member of the Youth in Action. I am also going to be a junior usher and help give out the Bulletins after Mass twice a month.

I chose my Uncle Mike to be my sponsor for Confirmation. I met with my Uncle Mike once a month for brunch after a Sunday Mass. We would discuss what is going on in the Catholic Church and how I feel about being Catholic. My Uncle Mike has taught me a lot about being Catholic in the last year and half. From my Uncle Mike I have learned that being Catholic is not just memorizing prayers, but truly living the faith during difficult situations in the secular world.

The name I chose for Confirmation is Saint Joseph. As you may know, Saint Joseph is the universal saint of the Catholic Church. Saint Joseph is also my uncle's favorite saint and was his Confirmation name. Since my uncle is my Confirmation sponsor, I wanted to have a connection to my uncle. It is important to me that I be able to pray to Saint Joseph for working hard in general. Saint Joseph is an important player in the Catholic Church. By choosing the name Saint Joseph, I am showing the importance of my Catholic Faith to the secular world.

Thank you Father Joe for allowing me to make my Confirmation. I understand the importance of being fully initiated into the Catholic Church. I am looking forward to attending my Confirmation mass.

Christ's peace,

Tess Shore