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Dear Father Mark,

My name is Joan Smith and I am a part of the eighth grade Religious Education Class here at St Henry Church. My parents who you have met before are Jim and Sue, and I have an older sister, Anne, and younger brother, James. I go to Bellevue Middle School and will attend Hillwood High School in the fall. I have always been a member of St Henry Church and was baptized here and received my First Communion and First Reconciliation sacraments here with Father Mike.

I chose my aunt, Becky Jones, to be my sponsor. She is my mom's sister and my godmother. She lives here in Nashville and we are very close. She has 4 children and one of her children, Sarah, was born the same year I was. We are best friends as well as cousins of course. Aunt Becky has been a role model for me by showing me that it's okay to not take life, or yourself, too seriously at times.

I want to receive this sacrament so that I can become a full member of the church and receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. I have prayed many times about my Confirmation. There are many reasons why I want to be confirmed. I feel that it would complete my spiritual education and help me on the path to be a true follower of Jesus. I have completed my service hours by volunteering here at church and in our community. I know once I receive this sacrament I will continue to be involved in the church through volunteering and giving of my time and talents to others.

I chose Saint Elizabeth Bichier as my Confirmation saint because she was strong and gentle at the same time. I remember as I was reading the story about her studying law to save her family and it inspired me. She was born July 5, 1773 in La Blanc, France. She was born into a noble family and educated in a convent. After her father died, the government wanted to confiscate all of her family's property. Therefore, she studied law and won the court case for her family. Later, she founded the *Daughters of the Cross of Saint Andrew*. She helped many people who were suffering from the effects of the French Revolution. Throughout her life she built many convents. She died on August, 26, 1838 of natural causes.

Sincerely,

Your signature

Type your full name here

