

## **Expectations for Letter to the Bishop by Confirmation Candidates**

Please write a letter addressed to:

Most Reverend Chad Zielinski  
Bishop of New Ulm  
Catholic Pastoral Center  
1421 6th Street North  
New Ulm, MN 56073-2071

The Letter should be typed. Please use only one side per sheet. Please include the following in your letter (minimum 5 paragraphs):

- 1) Introduce yourself to the Bishop.
  - a. Name
  - b. Grade
  - c. Your parish and town
  - d. Something about your family
  - e. Anything else you would like to say about yourself
- 2) Tell the Bishop how you are currently living the Christian life.
  - a. Include details about Mass attendance
  - b. Include information about your prayer life
  - c. Include anything else you would like to say, especially with regard to your service to the parish and neighbor
- 3) Request the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, March 3 at the Church of the Holy Redeemer in Marshall.
- 4) Answer the question “How can I continue to live the Christian life after receiving the graces of the Sacrament of Confirmation?”
- 5) Give the Bishop a brief description of the saint you have chosen and tell him how this saint will be a model to you to help you live out your life as a Christian.

### **Due Dates:**

- **Wednesday, December 20, 2023** – 1<sup>st</sup> draft due: turn in to your small group leader or dropped off at the Parish Office
- **December 21<sup>st</sup> – December 29<sup>th</sup>** – The Faith Formation staff will review your Bishop letter draft, check for any grammar errors, and then email the letter back to you for any necessary changes
- **Wednesday, January 17, 2024**– Final, signed letter due. If you have any questions, please contact Becki.

Your home address

November 8, 2023

The Most Reverend Chad Zielinski  
Bishop of New Ulm  
Catholic Pastoral Center  
1421 6th Street North  
New Ulm, MN 56073

Sample Format for  
Letter to the Bishop

Dear Bishop Zielinski:

- 1) Introduce yourself to the Bishop.
  - a. Name
  - b. Grade
  - c. Your parish name and town
  - d. Something about your family
  - e. Anything else you would like to say about yourself
- 2) Tell the Bishop how you are currently living the Christian life.
  - f. Include details about Mass attendance
  - g. Include information about your prayer life
  - h. Include anything else you would like to say, especially with regard to your service to the Parish and neighbor
- 3) ***I am requesting the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, March 3, 2024 at the Church of the Holy Redeemer.*** I think that this Sacrament will help me in living a Catholic Christian life, because....
- 4) Answer the question “How am I going to live the Christian life after receiving the graces of the Sacrament of Confirmation?”
- 5) Give the Bishop a brief description of the Saint you have chosen and tell him how this Saint will be a model to you to help you live out your life as a Christian.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Celebration of Confirmation at the Church of the Holy Redeemer on Sunday, March 3.

Sincerely yours in Christ;

Your signature

Your typed complete name