

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 2 at the Church of the Holy Redeemer in Marshall.
- 4) Answer the question “How can I continue to grow in my relationship with Jesus 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 10, 2025: Submit your 1st draft to your small group leader or drop it off at the Parish Office.

December 11 – December 30, 2025: The Faith Formation staff will review your draft for any grammatical errors and email it back to you for revisions.

Wednesday, January 14, 2026: Submit final signed, original version of letter to your small group leader or drop it off at the Parish Office.

Your home address

January 14, 2026

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 1, 2026 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 be Christ for others 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 1.

Sincerely yours in Christ;

Your signature

Your typed complete name

Capitalize the first letter of all proper nouns, including people’s names, places, organizations, school districts, church names, and sacraments.