*Letter to Request Confirmation:* In order to formally join the Catholic Church, we request candidates to write a letter to the Diocese of New Ulm's Bishop Chad Zielinski. This letter explains why the candidate wishes to become Catholic (of their own free will), provides sponsor's name, includes confirmation saint name and explanation, and identifies the candidate by name and parish. Deadline is Jan. 3, 2024.



Please <u>type</u> the letter, have a parent or your sponsor proofread, and email to the Faith Formation Director (MichelleTortorella@OurLivingWater.org). All letters will be printed on Jesus Our Living Water letterhead and mailed to the Diocese of New Ulm as a group. The letters will NOT be proofread after submitting; please be conscientious regarding wording and spelling.

## Some points to include in your letter:

"Dear Bishop Chad Zielinski.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I belong to Jesus Our Living Water's parish of \_\_\_\_\_...

- Explain WHY you are choosing to be confirmed
- Elaborate if the faith classes, service nights, retreats, etc. helped you grow in your faith and your relationship with Jesus
- Detail what your relationship with God looks like (Is He your friend? Mentor? Model?)
- Explain how the Holy Spirit is in your life and if the Holy Spirit has made any differences
- Share your Saint Confirmation name; why did you pick that Saint?
- ✤ Talk about your sponsor and how he/ she has been on this journey with you
- Include how you will continue to minister others in your community after your Confirmation

Sincerely,

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## The typed letter should be emailed no later than Wednesday, January 3, 2024.