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Choosing a Confirmation Sponsor

Candidates for Confirmation fittingly seek the spiritual help of a *sponsor*. **A sponsor is someone who walks with you on the journey of faith leading to the celebration of Confirmation.** Your sponsor is a special kind of friend, one who shares with you his or her own faith, knowledge, and experience of being a faithful Catholic Christian.

During the rite (or ceremony) of Confirmation, your sponsor will present you to the bishop and to the community, as a sign of your readiness to receive the sacrament. Your relationship with your sponsor does not end with the ceremony however; he or she has the important task of continuing to help you as you grow in your faith.

Your sponsor should be someone who has already had a good influence on your life in the Church. To emphasize the unity of the Baptism and Confirmation, it is appropriate that the sponsor be one of the candidate's Godparents. You are encouraged to choose one of your baptismal godparents to sponsor you for your Confirmation, but you may also choose another adult who is a practicing Catholic. **Parents are not eligible to be Sponsors.**

A sponsor must:

- Be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church
- Have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation
- Be sufficiently mature to guide and assist you in your faith

The duties of a sponsor are:

- To assist you as you prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation
- To attend special gatherings where you can discuss your preparation
- To stand with you at the Confirmation ceremony to present you to the Bishop
- To help you live as a follower of Jesus





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Sponsor Information Sheet

(To be filled out by Candidate)

Candidate Name: _____

Sponsor's Name

First Name	Last Name
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Sponsor's Address

_____ Street

City,	State	ZIP
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Is the sponsor you have chosen also one of your Baptismal Godparents?

Yes No If no, please explain your relationship to the person chosen.

What qualities do you see in your sponsor that caused you to choose him/ her?

Information Sheet & Sponsor Form DUE OCTOBER 22, 2017



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CONFIRMATION SPONSOR FORM

(To be filled out by Sponsor – Please Print)

SPONSOR NAME _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

NAME OF PERSON TO BE CONFIRMED: _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

SPONSOR ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE/COUNTRY _____ ZIPCODE _____

SPONSOR EMAIL _____

SPONSOR CELL PHONE # _____

I am a Catholic in good standing, practicing my faith in both word and deed: Yes No

I am at least 16 years of age and a fully initiated Catholic (I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) Yes No

I am willing to meet with/speak to my candidate about their confirmation process once a month Yes No

STATEMENT OF INTENT BY SPONSOR:

I understand and accept the role, which I undertake as a sponsor and I promise to guide _____ in his/her efforts to live a Catholic life that reflects the spirit and teaching of the Roman Catholic Church, and I am prepared to assist his/her parents in their duty by my support, encouragement, and prayer.

Sponsor Signature _____ Relation To Confirmation Candidate _____

Name of home parish: _____

Parish Street Address: _____

City _____ State/ Country: _____ Zip Code: _____

(Arch) Diocese: _____ I am a registered parishioner: Yes No

Name of Pastor/ Parish Representative: _____

Pastors/Parish Representatives must ascertain the spiritual qualifications of sponsors. The sponsor for any candidate for Confirmation may be male or female and is to be sufficiently mature, a practicing Catholic, who has him/herself been confirmed and has not been prohibited from exercising the role of sponsor. This person is an active witness of the Catholic faith in both word and deed, and is able to perform the duties of a Sponsor.

Please Affix Church Seal

Pastor/Parish Representative's Signature

Date: ____/____/____



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Your Confirmation Name

Almost everyone has at least two names: a first name and a last name. Your first name tells others who *you* are. Your last name tells others the *family* to which you belong. When you were baptized, all sin was forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. You were given a “Christian” name, often the name of one of the Saints or heroes of the Bible, who became your “patron.” Names are very powerful, and name changes signify a change in relationship. You can find many examples in the New Testament of the Apostles’ curing and forgiving in the *name of Jesus*. And you probably remember Bible stories in which a person’s name was changed to show the he or she had entered into a new relationship with God.

Your Confirmation is an opportunity to enter into a new relationship with God and with the Church. A Confirmation custom that symbolizes this new relationship is to choose a new name. Your *Confirmation Name* must be the name of a Catholic Saint. This Saint should be one who inspires you or to whom you have a special devotion or connection. This Saint will also be your patron. This Confirmation Name is used in the ceremony. Some people even choose to use their Baptismal names because there is a very close connection between Baptism and Confirmation.

For inspiration in choosing your Confirmation Name, see the list attached to this paper. You can also use reference books or the Internet to research the Saint whose name you are choosing. A good website to research Saints is <http://www.catholic.org/saints/>.



“Be Sealed with the Holy Spirit”

“Jesus said to the disciples, ‘Who do you say that I am?’ Simon answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you; from now on you will be called Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.’”

Matthew 16:15-18



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Confirmation Name Selection

Answer the following questions with complete thoughts. Talk over your answers with your family and Sponsor.

Please print neatly

1. What is your complete Baptismal name?

First

Middle

Last

2. Why did your parents give you these names?

3. What do your names mean?

4. What name do you like your friends to call you? Why?

5. What would you like your Confirmation Name to be? **(Please write just the Confirmation Name)**

6. Type a 1-page essay giving a brief history or inspiring facts about the Saint you are choosing as your patron. Include why you are choosing that particular Saint. What inspired you about their life, their relationship with God, and their service in the Church? If you are choosing to keep your baptismal name, please do the same with your baptismal patron Saint. Please attach and hand in with this sheet.

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Confirmation Service Project Reflection Sheet

Candidate Name: _____

Location of Service: _____

Date Served: _____

Type of Project: (Circle One)

Church Youth Ministry Family Community

Please attach additional pages if you run out of room to answer in the lines below

Activity/Service Done:

Describe how this served another person or cause:

Describe how this service helped you to grow in your faith:

How can you continue to help others in this way?

Did this service challenge you to grow and/or pull you out of your comfort zone? Why or Why not?

How did you encounter Christ during your service?
