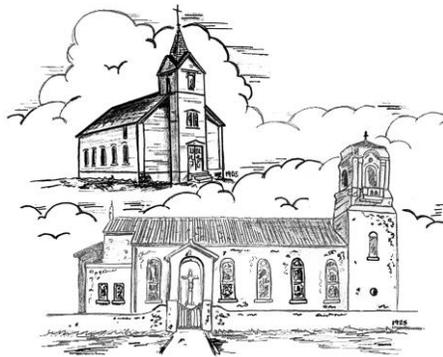


# Confirmation Handbook

**Freshmen thru Junior**



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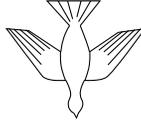
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Dear Parents and Students,

One special moment for you, soon you will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. Since the confirmation program involves an approach requiring prayer and involvement on your part, it is important that you know about it ahead of time. It is our hope that you will read this letter carefully, discuss its contents as a family, and begin preparation for the sacrament of Christian initiation.

### **What Is the Sacrament of Confirmation?**

Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist are called the sacraments of initiation. Through these sacraments, we become members of the Catholic Church, a community of Spirit-filled people who have been saved by Christ and who witness Christ's love in the world.

As one of the sacraments of initiation, Confirmation impresses the candidates with a special character. Through this sacrament, the candidates are enriched by the gift of the Holy Spirit, are bound more perfectly to the Church, and are strengthened in faith. They are enabled to witness more courageously to Christ and to spread and defend the faith.

### **The Role of Those to Be Confirmed**

Those to be confirmed must be suitably instructed and properly disposed. They must be willing to be involved in the preparation program with the intention of remaining faithful to Christ and his Church.

### **The Role of Parents**

As parents, you play a primary role in the sacramental preparation program. You help your son or daughter grow in faith as you prepare him or her for fruitful reception of the sacrament. Your attendance at required meetings and the Sunday parish celebrations of the Eucharist is vital. There is, and can be, no substitute for your actual presence at such moments. Your interest, involvement, and concern make a difference in your son's or daughter's perception of what this sacrament and the Christian life are all about.

### **The Role of the Sponsor**

Each candidate, with the help of his or her parents, is responsible for choosing a sponsor. It is recommended that, if possible, the baptismal sponsor also be the confirmation sponsor. This choice would express more clearly the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation and would make the function of the sponsor more effective. There is no regulation determining that men are sponsors for boys and women are sponsors for girls.

Church law states that the sponsor must be at least sixteen years of age. He or she must be a confirmed Catholic who has received Holy Eucharist and is living according to the Catholic faith. The sponsor may not be the mother or father of the one to be confirmed. It is the responsibility of the sponsor to give assurance of his or her qualifications.

Sponsors take on a lifelong commitment to help their candidates fulfill the obligations of this sacrament. During the time of preparation, the sponsors are expected to take an active role in the confirmation program and meet with the candidates on a regular basis.

Sponsors must be present at the confirmation ceremony. Their immediate role demands time, commitment, and willingness to engage in faith-sharing activities with their candidates. Persons, who are too young, live too far away, or who are too busy to devote proper time and care to the candidates would not be able to fulfill this role.

It is important that parents, candidates, and prospective sponsors consider carefully the qualifications and requirements given in this letter before a commitment to the confirmation program is made.

### **The Calendar of Events**

A calendar for the confirmation program has been included to help you in your planning. Note the occasions and times when parents, sponsors, and candidates must be present at an event.

We hope that this early information on the confirmation program will enable you to devote some time to preparing, discussing, and praying about it. Additional information will be provided as we begin the actual preparation. If you have any questions regarding the information here or any other aspect of the program, please contact us. We are willing to assist you in any way possible.

Know that you will be in the prayers of the entire parish community during this time of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Don Ruppert". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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HOLY CROSS  
CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

EXPECTATIONS: 1<sup>ST</sup> Year - Freshmen

1. Participate in a Faith Formation.

Confirmation is normally received in the 11th grade. Holy Cross Parish offers a three-year program, open to high school youth (grades 9-12) wanting to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

Faith Formation sessions are weekly on Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., Faith Formation Building. See attached schedule.

Attendance

Families are asked to witness to their youth about the importance of faith formation by making attendance at formation sessions a priority. If however it is necessary for a student to be elsewhere, we ask that you call the office at (979) 335-4071 to let us know even if you have already informed your candidate's catechist. It is the policy of the office, to assure the safety of all our youth, to phone the families whose candidates are reported not present.

**\*\*\*Confirmation student who misses more than five (5) faith formation sessions during each year will need to meet, along with a parent or guardian, with the Parish Catechetical Leader to discern the student's readiness.**

Confidentiality

Information regarding candidate's medical, legal or special needs is used in an effort to better serve the learner. The catechists are made aware of any needs and the importance of keeping any such information confidential.

2. Student needs regular reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.
3. Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy -Service and Reflections due dates: November, February and May. See packet in folder.
4. Student is expected to learn ALL prayers listed on prayer sheet during his/her 9<sup>th</sup> Grade year. Each student will have opportunity to recite the prayers before/during/after class throughout the year. All prayers must be recited before last class in April. See "Prayers" in Forms.

**If the above requirements are not completed by the announced deadlines, the result will be the delay of your receiving Confirmation.**

## Confirmation Catechesis

*Focus: To enable the older adolescent to understand his/her own faith experience in relationship to his parish community and the universal Church, to understand the gift of the Holy Spirit in his/her life, and to offer the adolescent the opportunity to become fully initiated in the life of the Church.*

The adolescent student will....

1. Understand the meaning of Confirmation and its relationship to Baptism and Eucharist as sacraments of initiation.
2. Understand the meaning of grace and its presence in his/her life.
3. Understand that faith development and his/her participation in the Church is a lifelong process/journey.
4. A. Appreciate him/herself as a unique gift created in the image of God.  
B. Determine how the Spirit is prompting him/her to use his/her gifts for others.
5. Explore how Scripture, Tradition, the Beatitudes and the sacraments can help foster the development of his/her identity as a Catholic Christian by strengthening his/her relationship with Jesus and in living the faith in daily life.
6. Name and integrate the meaning of the 10 commandments and the spiritual and corporal works of mercy in everyday life.
7. Understand how to use the gift of freedom to choose love and how to recognize and respond to cultural conflicts/temptations, which detract from freedom.
8. Recognize the witness of Christian models/saints in living the faith.
9. Review and explain the importance of the Pentecost event and its application to his/her individual and communal life.
10. A. Name and explain the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.  
B. Understand and appreciate how each of the seven gifts helps strengthen the Christian in his/her moral life (communally as well as individually).
11. Name and explain the fruits of the Holy Spirit and their effects in his/her life.
12. Deepen his/her understanding, awareness, and relationship with the Trinity through personal and communal prayer, reflection, service, and communal/familial relationships.
13. Explore how the Holy Spirit urges the creation of a more just society.
14. Understand and use the symbols of the Confirmation rite in his/her daily life.
15. Assess his/her readiness to be fully initiated into the life of the faith community.

## **Parental Support**

Sharing the Light of Faith: National Catechetical Directory of Catholics in the United States states, “Parents are the first and foremost catechists of their children” (212). As your teen progresses through the program, there are opportunities for you to be his or her primary educator. The more you do, the more your child’s faith and yours will be strengthened.

- Discuss the material the catechist has presented, answering any questions your teen may have.
- Witness to your own faith.
- Pray with your children.
- Read carefully the letter to parents, sponsors, and students.
- Attend the parent/sponsor/student meetings.
- Be present for the celebrations that are held throughout the program.
- Guide your teenager’s choice of a name and a faith-filled sponsor.
- Support your son or daughter in planning and performing service activities.
- Have your family join your child in praying the confirmation novena.
- Volunteer for a role in the confirmation ceremony.
- Celebrate the reception of the sacrament by giving a party with relatives and friends.

## **Family Activities**

Faith lived and celebrated in the family makes a lasting impression. Prepare your teenager for full Christian living through the following activities:

### *Message*

1. Read and discuss an article from a Catholic periodical, or tune in to and discuss a Catholic television or radio program.
2. Invite a relative or friend who does not participate in Mass to go to church with you and to dinner.
3. Save and donate money to a society devoted to spreading the faith.

### *Worship*

4. Attend Sunday liturgy as a family. Plan to attend Mass on a special occasion, like an anniversary or birthday.
5. As a family, attend a parish devotion or sacramental celebration such as a novena, Eucharistic devotion, a communal penance ceremony, or a baptism.
6. Help at a parish social function or participate in it.

### *Community*

7. Support a parishioner who has suffered a tragedy and needs encouragement, sympathy, or material help.
8. Apologize for moments of impatience; put aside grudges which cause strained relationships.

### *Service*

9. Volunteer as a family to serve at a hot meals center or to clean the house of an elderly person.
10. Offer to do someone’s duties at home to relieve pressure.
11. Focus on a neighborhood need and take steps to improve the situation. For example, beautify the neighborhood park.
12. Include the needy of the world in your family prayers.

# ENCOUNTERING CHRIST SERVICE/REFLECTIONS PROJECTS

## Guidelines for Service

Service is based on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy and most of all, on the example of Christ when he came to serve. When giving service, the following points should be considered:

- Your service is not just a job to be done. It is selflessly and lovingly helping those in need.
- You should reflect on how your service project is helping you take on the mind and heart of Christ fulfilling the needs of others, and build up the Christian community.
- The giving of service should continue after your confirmation and all through your life.
- You **should not receive payment** for your service.
  - Read the activities listed on attached sheet. It will contain ideas from your fellow classmates or make up one of your own.

## **2nd Year Expectations - Sophomore**

- Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy -Service and Reflections due dates: September and November. See packet in folder.
- Student is expected to attend all Faith Formation sessions. This year's text is "YOU" (Theology of the Body) and "Altaration".
- Student is expected to attend TWO (2) *Catholic Spiritual Events within the three years before his/her confirmation date*. Events can include: Parish Confirmation Retreat, ACTS Retreat, Diocesan Confirmation Retreat, NET Retreats in Victoria Diocese, or Rocky Mountain High Retreat, Diocesan Youth Spectacular, and Other events with PCL's approval. See list in Forms.
- Turn in Confirmation Sponsor's Certificate of Eligibility in December. See Forms.
- Attend Student/ Sponsor Night in February. See schedule.
- Choose your Confirmation name. See page 10 for details. Turn in your saint's name at Student/Sponsor Night. You may choose a Saint's name or your Baptismal name.
- Turn in Student/Sponsor Faith Sharing Documentation when assigned. Packet will be given at Sponsor Night.
- Submit your Saint Report at the first class of third year.

## **Role of Sponsors**

When Jesus began his public ministry, he called to himself a group of people who were known as his disciples. They lived with him, shared his joys and sorrows, and learned from him to seek to do the will of the Father. Like any community, the Apostles had their problems. But Jesus taught them to be loving, caring persons who lived a life of service. Today, the Church is that community. We who belong to it share in that same mission. We also share in the same life - the life of Jesus himself.

Through their special witness when working with Confirmation candidates, sponsors model the faith. They help the candidate know the community in a deeper way. Sponsors help the candidate to see the action of the Holy Spirit within themselves, within the Christian community, and within the world around them.

The sponsors also speak in the name of the candidates to the parish community. They testify that the candidate is truly ready to make a commitment to the Church. They testify that the candidate has demonstrated that the Holy Spirit is alive and active within the candidate who is beginning to live a life for others.

### **Who is a sponsor?**

A sponsor is first and foremost a witness to the teachings of Jesus in the candidate's life. He/she should be an active member of his/her parish community and should know the candidate very well. The sponsor helps the candidate to see the action of the Holy Spirit, not only in their own life, but also in the sponsor's life, in the church of Jesus and in the world.

### **Duties of the sponsor.**

They meet at least five times with the candidate to discuss the candidate's growth in faith and service. These meetings are set up at the mutual convenience of candidate and sponsor. A booklet is provided to help structure these meetings. They send a special letter to the pastor concerning the candidate's readiness for Confirmation. They present the candidate to the bishop for Confirmation.

### **Who may be chosen?**

1. The Godparents at Baptism. This is a choice which most clearly expresses the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation.
2. Any other confirmed Catholic, 16 years or older, who is an active member of, the Catholic faith and is an important witness in the candidate's own spiritual development.
3. Either male or female may be a sponsor. A sponsor need not be the same sex as the candidate.
4. According to current Church law, parents may not be sponsors. Parents may however fill in for the sponsor when necessary. Parents may be a proxy at the celebration.

**See Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility for additional information.**

# Choosing a Confirmation Name

## **Pick a Saint that you want to remember in your prayers:**

Choose a Saint that leads you, models the person you want to be like, or maybe a Saint who had the same struggles as you and had a way of working with those struggles.

Joan of Arc was a teenager, yet she led the French army before her death. The courageous story of a young lady named Maria Goretti is very moving. St. Lorenzo Ruiz, the first Filipino saint, was martyred in 1637. Pope John Paul II canonized him in 1987.

If you allow some time to explore the Saints, you will find many interesting stories and it should be enjoyable for you to make a new spiritual friend with your choice. Think of the spiritual rewards!

Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation is a very moving experience....having your new spiritual friend along with you is part of it!

## **Saint Report**

Due: First session of your Third year.

Take some time for your research. Use at least three (3) different sources. Your choice will put you in touch with a spiritual friend for life! There are many books in the parish Faith Formation library. If you have internet access, try some of the websites. List your sources on a separate bibliography sheet, and attach to your report.

Try these websites:

- [www.saints.sqpn.com](http://www.saints.sqpn.com)
- [www.catholic.org/saints](http://www.catholic.org/saints)
- [www.americancatholic.org/features/saints/byname.aspx](http://www.americancatholic.org/features/saints/byname.aspx)
- [www.newadvent.org/cathen](http://www.newadvent.org/cathen)
- [www.cin.org/saints.html](http://www.cin.org/saints.html)

Patron Saints Quiz: [www.monksofadoration.org/patrons.html](http://www.monksofadoration.org/patrons.html)

Write about the Saint's story, background, and what drew your attention. Your report should be at least two (2) typed pages, double spaced with 1 inch margins. Typed at 12 points. Remember to include your name in the heading.

## **Tips on Writing your Saint Report**

The report will flow quickly if you try to answer some questions as you write it:

Who was the Saint: full name, dates, country, etc.?

What did he or she do to make him or her a Saint?

What do you admire about him or her?

Is there a symbol or feast day for your Saint?

Is your Saint a patron saint? Of whom?

Why did you choose this Saint? Explain in the last paragraph

### **3rd Year Expectations - Junior**

- Turn in Saint Report at first class.
- Candidate is expected to attend all sacrament preparation sessions. This year's text "Decision Point" focuses on the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Attend Candidate/Parent Night at the start of the year. See this year's schedule.
- Student is expected to attend TWO (2) *Catholic Spiritual Events within the three years before his/her confirmation date*. Events can include: Parish Confirmation Retreat, ACTS Retreat, Diocesan Confirmation Retreat, NET Retreats in Victoria Diocese, or Rocky Mountain High Retreat, Diocesan Youth Spectacular, and Other events with PCL's approval. See list in Forms.
- Attend Candidate/Sponsor Night in January. See this year's schedule.
- Turn in Candidate's "Letter to the Bishop" on January.
- Candidate is expected to participate in setting up of the parish Lenten crosses before Lent.
- Candidate and his/her parents are expected to attend the Confirmation Candle Light Ceremony during the 10 a.m. Mass on a Sunday before Confirmation. See this year's schedule.
- Confirmation will be celebrated in Spring. See this year's schedule.
- Confirmation is the springboard to living your Catholic faith. With the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit, all Catholics are encouraged to deepen their prayer life, to continue learning more about their faith and to strive to serve others.
- The above expectations are to benefit the candidate's confirmation preparation experience. If not met, the candidate will have the opportunity to start sacrament prep classes the following year. [Church guidelines do not state that a teen must be confirmed in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade.]

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# Confirmation Prayers

Prayers must be learned and recited before last class in April of 9<sup>th</sup> gr. year. \*\* Use the version that you know.

## SIGN OF THE CROSS

### \*\*MORNING OFFERING

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for the good of my family and the good of my friends. Please be with me today and protect me forever. Amen.

### \*\*NIGHT PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for all the graces You have given me today. Forgive the sins I have committed. Let Your holy angels stand about me; and let your blessing be upon me. Amen

## PRAYER TO MY GUARDIAN

### ANGEL

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love entrusts me here, ever this day, be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

## BLESSING BEFORE MEALS

Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts, which we are about to receive from your bounty, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

### \*\*GRACE AFTER MEALS

We give thanks, O Lord, for these your gifts, which we have received from your goodness, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen

## OUR FATHER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

## SEVEN SACRAMENTS

Baptism \* Reconciliation \* Eucharist  
Confirmation \* Holy Orders \* Matrimony  
\*Anointing of the Sick

## HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

## GLORY BE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have other gods besides me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

## HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Mary, Mother of God, January 1  
Mary's Assumption, August 15  
All Saint's Day, November 1  
Mary's Immaculate Conception, December 8  
Christmas, December 25

## MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother; to you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

## **THE ROSARY (prayer to beads)**

- Make the Sign of the Cross with the crucifix and pray the Apostles' Creed.
- Pray the Lord's Prayer on the first large bead.
- Pray a Hail Mary on the next three beads.
- The Glory Be to the Father, follows.
- On the next large bead, recall the first mystery, and say the Lord's Prayer.
- Pray a Hail Mary on the next ten beads. Then pray the Glory Be to the Father. (May add Fatima Prayer). This completes one decade.
- Follow this pattern for the next four decades, recalling a mystery and saying an Our Father on each of the large beads.
- Pray Hail Holy Queen and Prayer After Rosary.
- End by making the Sign of the Cross with the crucifix.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

## **Fatima Prayer**

Oh My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.

## **HAIL HOLY QUEEN**

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope, to you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

## **PRAYER AFTER THE ROSARY**

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL**

St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the Heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## **PRAYER FOR THE DEAD**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

## **FORMULA FOR SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Priest/Person:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Person:** "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned." "It has been \_\_\_ weeks (months) since my last Confession." "These are my sins. (Tell your sins). When finished say: "I am sorry for these and all the sins of my whole life."

**Priest:** Gives words of advice and suggestions  
He asks child to say a penance (Prayers to be said in church after confession).

**Person:** Says the **\*\*Act of Contrition**

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You, and I detest all my sins, because of your just punishments, but most of all because they offend You, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.

**Priest:** Gives Absolution (the words which take away sins) I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Make the Sign of the Cross as the priest blesses you.)

**Person:** Amen.

**Priest:** Go in Peace.

**Person:** Thank you Father.

## **Spiritual Events:**

**Student is expected to attend TWO (2) Catholic Spiritual Events within the three years before his/her confirmation date.**

Registration forms will be emailed; download from website; and hard copies will be available.

Below is a list of spiritual events:

Parish Confirmation Retreat

Diocesan Youth Spectacular: See website for dates.

Diocesan Confirmation Retreats: See website for dates.

Abbey Youth Fest – in Louisiana in March: See website for dates.

Rocky Mountain High Retreat: June or July, contact Mrs. Tish Babin to be added to the list.

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TEEN ACTS Retreat, usually in July. Forms will be emailed as soon as they are available

Steubenville Conference – summer – If interested contact Mrs. Denise Tovar by October 1<sup>st</sup>

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PCL or confirmation teacher must approve any Spiritual Events.

Due in December of 10<sup>th</sup> gr. year



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**SPONSOR CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR CONFIRMATION**

Sponsor's Full Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Full Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

The Roman Catholic Church Code of Canon Law (Canons 872, 873 & 874) lists the requirements that a person must possess in order to qualify as a Sponsor in Confirmation.

**In accepting this responsibility, I affirm that** *(please check all that apply)*

\_\_\_\_\_ I have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation and am at least 16 years old.

\_\_\_\_\_ I participate regularly in Sunday Mass and give witness to my faith in Christ Jesus.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am aware of and believe in the basic truths of the Roman Catholic Faith and I truly make an effort to incorporate these teachings into my daily life.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am aware that I am assuming responsibility to be a good role model for the person I am sponsoring by my life of prayer and by my Catholic example.

\_\_\_\_\_ If married: I am validly married according to the laws of the Catholic Church. I was married by a priest or deacon; or married by a minister with proper dispensation from the Bishop; I had my marriage convalidated by the Catholic Church.

\_\_\_\_\_ If single: I am living a Christian life in accordance with the laws of the Catholic Church and am not co-habiting (living with someone outside of marriage).

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not the father or mother of the one to be Confirmed.

*Note: The same requirements above apply to a PROXY in case of an emergency.*

I declare that I am a registered member of the Catholic Church listed below and I fulfill all the requirements of Canon Law to be a Sponsor.

Signature of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address & Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**To Be Completed By The Sponsor's Parish**

I certify that the above information is correct and that the person may serve as a Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Pastor (or Staff) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature*

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

(Affix Parish Seal)

# Confirmation Name Form

Due: February Student/Sponsor Night

Please PRINT legibly. This information goes on the permanent church records. Be sure to have the correct spelling of names.

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Confirmation Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle (Maiden) Last

## Acknowledgement Form

**We have read the Confirmation Handbook regarding Holy Cross Church Policies. We understand the responsibilities regarding the commitment to my faith formation and agree to abide by these policies as they are stated.**

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate Signature Date

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature Date

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_