

Dear Confirmation Sponsor,

Congratulations! You were asked to be a Confirmation sponsor!

A Confirmation sponsor has a unique relationship in the candidate's journey of faith. Our candidates were asked to give serious consideration to their choice of a sponsor. They were encouraged to choose a Catholic who actively practices their faith.

We ask that you read below and fill in the information requested if you wish to accept the duties and responsibilities that accompany this special opportunity.

Duties and Responsibilities a Confirmation Sponsor

Sponsors help to prepare their candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation by spending time building your relationship with one another, hopefully, visiting with them in person doing meaningful activities while sharing your own personal faith and talking with them about theirs. When geographical distance prevents in-person visits, meaningful conversations by phone, mail, electronic communications and vacation visits are highly recommended to build and maintain close relationships. Sponsors are to be spiritually fit to take on this responsibility.

Sponsors present the candidates to the bishop for anointing during the Confirmation Mass and will later continue to support them in fulfilling their lifelong baptismal promises faithfully under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

Ways to continue to nurture this spiritual relationship all through life:

- Celebrate the anniversary of this holy day of Confirmation each year with a visit, call, or card.
- Encourage a maturing life of faith through special cards, letters, or gifts which celebrate their life events like, graduations, getting their driver's license, first job, awards and recognitions, engagement, marriage, their child's birth and Baptism, etc. (Gift suggestions: a Bible, rosary, patron saint holy cards or images, spiritual books, religious jewelry, statues or images of saints, retreat opportunities, etc.)
- Most importantly, become a model of Christian living for the person you have sponsored, through daily prayer, virtue and active participation in parish life and liturgy, and share your faith stories and experiences with them.

Congratulations, and may God bless you!

(Please keep this portion of the form)

Please fill out and Return only this portion of the Form to Holy Trinity School or mail to Holy Trinity Church, 505 Fountains Pkwy, Fairview Hts., IL 62208 or it may be scanned and emailed to jlohmann@holytrinityil.org

Confirmation Sponsor

I HEREBY AFFIRM:

My faith in Jesus Christ and His teaching and my fidelity to the teachings of the Catholic Church;

I practice my Catholic faith by regularly participating in the Sunday liturgy and the sacramental life of the Church;

If married, my marriage has been celebrated in the Catholic Church;

I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist;

I am at least 16 years of age;

I am fully aware of my responsibilities as a sponsor to provide the Confirmation candidate with the proper example of active membership in the Catholic Church and to encourage the candidate to follow this example;

I am a registered member of

_____ *(Name of Parish)*

_____ *(City, State)*

and fulfill my obligation to my parish to the best of my ability.

I do, therefore, affirm that I meet all the necessary requirements to be a sponsor.

_____ *(Sponsor Name - please print)*

_____ *(Confirmation Candidate Name - please print)*

_____ *(Sponsor Signature)*

_____ *(Date)*

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