



## CONFIRMATION SPONSOR FORM

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

Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Sponsor's Statement of Faith

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby state that I am:

- A baptized and confirmed Catholic
- A registered member of \_\_\_\_\_ Parish
- A believer in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, trying to live as I believe.
- Not bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;

*This means that if the intended sponsor is married, this marriage must be a valid marriage in the Catholic Church. Catholics who are either civilly married, married by common law or living together are not in a valid Church marriage, and thus, by law, have a canonical penalty imposed upon them. The penalty is that the person may not participate in the full sacramental life of the Church. Specifically, they may not receive communion, nor may they act as a godparent at Baptism or sponsor at Confirmation. Therefore, if you are married outside of the Catholic Church, you do not meet the requirements for being admitted to the role of a sponsor or godparent.*

I testify that the above statements are true.

Sponsor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Sponsor's Parish Certificate

This is to certify that to the best of my knowledge, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sponsor's name)

- Is a registered member of this parish
- Is an active member of this parish
- Is a regular participant in Sunday worship
- Is a Catholic canonically in good standing

Priest Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Seal of church

## **CONFIRMATION SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS**

The best person will be one of your baptismal godparents. The Catechism (#1311) and canon law (#892-893) both tell us that you need a sponsor. Having one of your godparents helps us to see how Baptism and Confirmation are connected. You are looking for someone you trust, whose faith you admire and who will be there for you. You can choose a relative, friend or someone from your parish as your sponsor.

The sponsor is a person who helps you, the candidate; learn the meaning of a life of faith in Jesus Christ and how to integrate this on a personal level. The sponsor is never to be seen simply as a title. The sponsor's role is a serious one, which serves to personalize faith and lead into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. The sponsor must be:

- **A fully initiated member of the Catholic Church  
Baptized Catholic, received Eucharist and confirmation**
- **If married, married in the Roman Catholic Church**
- **A registered member of a Catholic Church**
- **Participates in weekly Eucharistic celebration**
- **16 years or older**
- **Close enough to the candidate to offer support in their life.**
- **CANNOT be mother or father**

Please consider all of the above when deciding on a sponsor.

After you have chosen your sponsor please give them the attached sheets and have them read "For the Sponsor". Once they have agreed to be your sponsor have them complete and return the Confirmation Sponsor Form. This completed form must be returned to Holy Cross before March 8,2018.

## FOR THE SPONSOR

You have been chosen to be a Confirmation sponsor, congratulations!

The person who has chosen you sees in you a profound faith commitment, finds trust and knows you are someone who will care about them and their faith. Sounds impressive, doesn't it? It's not all that complicated, but it does take time, a caring heart and a listening ear. Confirmation sponsors can be likened to spiritual coaches or mentors.

Here are a few benchmarks or guideposts to help you be the best that you can be.

### **Be a living model of faith.**

At least a part of what this young person admires in you is your faith! Your life does not have to be saintly, but your faith should be authentic and sincere. You should be an example of discipleship to all you meet.

### **Pray for your candidate and yourself.**

As candidates begin their final preparation, they need spiritual strength. Your prayers for them are important, but don't forget to pray for yourself also, that you can share why you value and practice your Catholicism. Attend Mass together, receive the sacrament of reconciliation together, pray the rosary and go to adoration together.

### **Give of your time and share your gifts.**

Talk with your candidate about the ways that you share your time and gifts with your parish. This might be a time to become more involved in your parish together.

### **Talk with you candidate about your faith and about their preparation.**

Share with them your feelings about Confirmation and attend the weekly sessions with them and their parents.

### **Attend Confirmation.**

Participate in the Confirmation Mass.

### **Don't forget the newly confirmed Catholic.**

After Confirmation, remember birthdays and the anniversary of confirmation. Send a card or make a phone call. Continue to attend weekly Mass together and to talk with the confirmed about their faith journey.

### **Confirmation Sponsor's form.**

Please fill out the attached form have you parish complete their portion and return to Holy Cross before March 8, 2018

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL NAME  
OR  
SELECTION OF CONFIRMATION NAME**

The tradition of selecting a confirmation name dates back to pre-Vatican II times. At that time in church history, confirmation candidates were encouraged to take on the name and characteristics of a saint of their choosing. The Second Vatican Council called for revision of the ritual of confirmation, which was completed in 1971. The revision, nor the Code of Canon Law or Rite of Confirmation, does not call for the candidate to choose another name. As a result, the Church encourages candidates to keep the name given to them at Baptism, since a part of the Rite of Confirmation calls for the renewal of baptismal vows parents made on behalf of their infant children.

Find out if you were named after a beloved family member? Did that person have a Christian or biblical name? Are you named after a favorite saint? Do you still wish to choose a confirmation name?

***Please research the name, whether given at birth or chosen for your confirmation, and complete a summary on the reverse side. Please complete the following information as well:***

Candidates full name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to keep my baptismal name for Confirmation

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to select a new name for Confirmation. The name I have chosen is:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form by: March 8, 2018



## SERVICE COMMITMENT

“As long as you did it for one of these, the least of my people, you did it for me.”

Matthew 25:40

Jesus calls us to serve those in need. When you make an active commitment to follow Jesus, a part of that commitment is serving others. As such, a component of our preparation includes 32 hours of community service.

We are called to serve at home, in our church and in the larger community. This commitment of service is broken down in the following manner:

- 10 hours at home
- 10 hours at Holy Cross Catholic Church
- 10 hours in the community
- 2 hours as a family

Various opportunities are offered here at Holy Cross for both the community and church hours. These are listed weekly in the bulletin. You must call the office to pre – register for these opportunities.

Additional opportunities for community and family are listed below:

<http://www.centralfloridahomeless.org/>

<http://www.volunteersolutions.org/hfuv/volunteer/>

<http://www.volunteermatch.org/bymsa/m5960/c/opp1.html>

Local schools

Local sports clubs

Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts

Please submit these hours on the form attached along with a brief 2 or 3 paragraph essay describing your service experiences and how it has helped you in your confirmation journey. These are due by May 4, 2016

