

Confirmation Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*THIS PAPER IS DUE TO THE PARISH OFFICE ON JANUARY 6, 2019\*\*\***

## **YOUR CONFIRMATION NAME**

### ***Reaffirming Your Baptismal Name***

Although it is traditional to take a new name at Confirmation, it is not required. Instead, you may want to reaffirm your baptismal name since the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation are so closely related. Confirmation seals and strengthens the faith and grace you received at Baptism. It completes your Baptism. Reaffirming your baptismal name is a sign of your commitment to live out the promises your parents and godparents made for you at Baptism. If you are choosing your baptismal name, it must be the name of a Saint or a variation thereof.

### ***Adding A New Name***

You may also choose to add a new name at Confirmation. This decision indicates your new awareness of how Confirmation will help you live as a disciple of Christ. This should be a Saint that you would like to intercede in prayer for you and/or whose traits you would like to imitate or are similar to your own.. Spend time prayerfully reflecting about your choice as this is an important decision.

Candidate's Confirmation name? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you choose this name?

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**YOUR CONFIRMATION SPONSOR**

**Confirmation Sponsor Requirements**

**Choosing a Confirmation Sponsor**

**What Church Catechism states:**

The 1983 Code of Canon Law (cc.874, 892, 893) requires sponsors:

- (1) (c.874.1,n.2) to have completed their sixteenth year of age unless the pastor determines an exception is justified,
- (2) (c.874.2; c.892) be a Catholic who has been confirmed and received First Eucharist, and who leads a life of faith in harmony with undertaking the role of sponsor, and
- (3) (c.893) when possible, that the sponsor for Confirmation be the same sponsor from Baptism.

The Church practice allowing parents to act as sponsors has been discontinued.

**Other items to consider:**

A sponsor should be a person that the candidate respects for the way they are actively living out their Catholic faith in accordance with what the church teaches to the best of their ability. This should be a person that the candidate feels comfortable discussing matters of faith with and should be a person who will remain in the candidate's life after the sacrament is received.

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

Sponsor's Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Using the space below, briefly describe your relationship with your sponsor.

**\*\*\*Your letter is due by Sunday, January 6, 2019 \*\*\***

**Put in an envelope marked "Letter of Intent"**

Please return to Chris Baumgardner in the Parish Office

Do not give to Fr. Paul directly

### **Guideline for Confirmation Letter of Intent to the Pastor**

Before the celebration of Confirmation, the pastor is required by Canon Law to know that candidates are being properly prepared. He should also know that you have a desire for and knowledge of the sacrament. To help Father Paul meet this responsibility, we ask you to write a letter to him. The letter is to address at least two basic questions:

1. "What does Confirmation mean to you?" In your own words, (at least one or two paragraphs) explaining what the sacrament of Confirmation means to you?
2. "Why do you feel you are ready to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation?" Again, in your own words, you are to state (in two to three paragraphs) why you feel you are ready to celebrate this sacrament and how you will live your life of discipleship within the church after Confirmation.

Be creative in your letter to Father Paul! Plan to include the following information:

- I am (introduce yourself) ...
- My interests are...
- To me, the sacrament of Confirmation means...
- I am ready to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation because...
- The Confirmation name I have chosen is... because...
- I have asked ... to be my sponsor because...
- I know that the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit that I will be sealed and strengthened with at the celebration of Confirmation, will help me to bear witness to the gospel of Jesus and to join in building up the Church. I wish to share in that work in a special way by...
- I intend to be active at the Catholic Community of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in these ways...