

Confirmation Faith Partner Sessions

November 2021- April 2022

<u>Session</u>	<u>Date Completed</u>	<u>Candidate Signature</u>	<u>Faith Partner Signature</u>
1. Getting to Know You			
2. Conversation with God			
3. Reflection on Jesus			
4. Stewardship			
5. The Catholic Church			
6. How Far Have You Come?			

Please return this form to the Confirmation Coordinator by Monday, March 28, 2022. Thanks!

Sponsor's Evaluation of the Candidate

Dear Faith Partner:

I thank you very much for the time you have devoted to this young person who asked you to be his/her Confirmation Sponsor during this year. I hope that you have enjoyed this experience. Perhaps you have grown in your own depth of spirituality along the way.

The Faith Partner-Candidate relationship is very important in our Confirmation process at The Church of St. Rita. These one-on-one faith sharing experiences allow each candidate to receive individual attention regarding their spiritual growth. It is my hope that you have developed a closer relationship with this young person. Perhaps, by your example of being present to this youth in the personal way, he/she, in turn, will offer themselves as a mentor to someone someday.

I have one final request of you: Will you please take a few moments to write a letter recommending your candidate for Confirmation? **This letter should be written to YOUR CANDIDATE, we will place the letter into their certificate envelope on the day of Confirmation.**

Please tell us how you connected in the following ways:

- How has your candidate grown spiritually along the way? What changes have you noted?
- Does this young person understand and desire to follow God through the teaching and the guidance of the Church?
- Is this young person prepared and open to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at this point in his/her life?

Please return your letter and the completed Faith Partner Sessions form to the Confirmation Coordinator by **March 28, 2022**. Thanks!

*Return to: Church of St. Rita
Attn: Amy Schroeder
8694 80th Street South
Cottage Grove, Mn
55016*

Faith Partner Responsibilities

Thank you for saying “YES” to the Confirmation Candidate who has approached you and asked you to become his/her Faith Partner.

As a Faith Partner, you represent the Catholic Christian Faith Community. You are the visible sign of our community’s support for this young person as he/she prepares for the Sacrament of Confirmation. You do this by your willingness and commitment to meet with this Candidate on a monthly basis and spending time together praying, sharing your faith and enjoying one another’s company! THANK YOU for sharing your gifts of time and faith with one of St. Rita’s Candidates.

AS A FAITH PARTNER, YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES ARE LISTED BELOW:

1. Attend this large group meeting.
2. Meet with your candidate on five additional occasions by **Monday, March 28, 2022.**
3. At each of your sessions, please discuss the topics in the packets and go into other areas that interest both of you! Please refer to the *Qualities of a Faith Partner* sheet as your guide. **BRING A BIBLE!**
4. After your final session, please fill out the *Confirmation Faith Partner Sessions* page and return it along with your candidate recommendation letter to the Confirmation Coordinator by **March 28, 2022.**
5. Attend the Confirmation Sending forth Mass/Rehearsal meeting on **Sunday, April 3rd** (10:30 am – 12:15 pm) and the Confirmation Mass at the Cathedral of St Paul on **Saturday, April 13th at 1 pm.**

Being a Faith Partner to a young person on his/her journey during this year of Sacramental preparation can be a most profound spiritual experience for both of you. WELCOME and THANK YOU!



Confirmation Sponsor Covenant

As a Confirmation Sponsor, your responsibility is to foster the Catholic faith of the young person and to reflect and model the meaning of life of Catholic discipleship. Sponsors reflect the Catholic Community, the Church.

I recognize that in order to serve as a sponsor, I must:

- Not be the parent of the person to be Confirmed.
- Be fully initiated (Baptism, Confirmation in the Catholic Church, Eucharist); if married, be in a valid Catholic sacramental marriage.
- Be at least sixteen years of age.
- Live a life of active faith in the Catholic Church.

I affirm that I fulfill these requirements to serve in the ministry of Confirmation Sponsor

Signature

Date

Pastor's Recommendation

I hereby testify that _____

Sponsor Name

is a registered member of this parish, and has affirmed that he/she fulfills all the requirements to serve in the ministry of sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Signature of Pastor/Assoc. Pastor
or Deacon*

Date

Parish Name / City / State