

## Sponsor Information

### Sponsors must:

- A. be designated by the one to be confirmed;
- B. be at least 16 years old;
- C. be confirmed Catholic who has received the sacrament of Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken;
- D. not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
- E. not be the father or the mother of the one to be confirmed (c. 874).

### Other notes about choosing a sponsor:

While parents are not to serve as sponsors, their role in the faith development of their children is not to be underplayed or minimized.

Candidates are to choose only one sponsor.

Priests, women and men religious may be sponsors. Religious may need permission from their immediate superiors to act as a sponsor.

The sponsor should be a person who already has a trusting relationship of some sort with the candidate, an older friend or relative in whom the candidate can confide. The sponsor is expected to maintain an ongoing relationship with the candidate in order to support the candidate's lifelong spiritual growth.

It is recommended that the sponsor be an older person who has some experience with his or her own faith, hence a clearer perspective from which to speak.

The sponsor needs to be an open, honest, caring, committed and encouraging person who will help the candidate grow in his or her understanding of the faith as the young person comes to a deeper appreciation of God in his or her life.

The sponsor should have good knowledge of the candidate's readiness for reception of the sacrament so as to testify on the candidate's behalf.

## Sponsor Information Form - Due: January 2nd, 2021

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Phone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

To be a sponsor, I realize that I must:

1. Be an active, practicing Catholic.
2. Not be one of the candidate's parents.
3. Be at least 16 years of age.
4. Have received the sacrament of confirmation.
5. Be receiving the sacraments of penance and Eucharist frequently.
6. Plan to maintain an ongoing relationship with the candidate in order to promote the candidate's lifelong spiritual growth.

Relationship to Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

**I declare that I am living such a life and that I will be a long term spiritual guide and mentor for my candidate.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Confirmation Candidate's Baptismal Certificate

In order for your child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, we need their Baptismal Certificate on file. It must be the official Baptismal Certificate that comes directly from the parish where your child received the Sacrament.

Please complete one of the following options by January 2nd, 2021:

If your child was baptized at St. Rita:

Please complete the form below indicating the month and year your child was baptized.

If your child was baptized at another parish:

Please call the parish where your child was baptized and have them send the certificate to:

St. Rita Parish

4339 Douglas Avenue

Racine, Wisconsin 53402

Once you have completed either of the following, fill out the bottom portion and return it to Rachel Kroes in the Christian Formation Office.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ had \_\_\_\_\_ baptized at  
Name of Parent/Guardian Name of Child  
St. Rita Parish in the month of \_\_\_\_\_ and the year of \_\_\_\_\_.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_

OR

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have called \_\_\_\_\_ Parish  
Name of Parent/Guardian Name of Parish  
that is located in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ and  
City State  
requested \_\_\_\_\_'s Baptismal Certificate to be sent to St.  
Name of Child  
Rita at the address listed above.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_

## Confirmation Name

It is the desire of the Church that at Baptism and at Confirmation her children receive the names of the saints. The Code of Canon Law states: "Pastors should take especial care that a Christian name be given to all whom they baptize. If they cannot do this, they shall add to the name given by the parents the name of some saint and entire both in the Baptismal Record" (Canon 761).

The reason for this is that the child may have a particular patron in Heaven to watch over him or her as well as an ideal model for imitation.

Please note, if your child was given a name of a saint at Baptism, they may either keep this Christian name in order to 'link' the two Sacraments together; or, your child may take another name of a different saint for Confirmation.

There are many legitimate resources online that you may use to find a Confirmation name. Otherwise, please speak to me in the parish office and I can lead you to resources I have.

Please fill out the bottom portion of this sheet and return it to the Christian Formation Office by the week of January 2nd, 2021.

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### Confirmation Name

Birth Name (First): \_\_\_\_\_ (Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Chosen Confirmation Name:

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I chose this Confirmation name because

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## Confirmation Letter of Intent

Every Confirmation Candidate is required to write a letter of intent. The letter of intent is a statement written to the Bishop that will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to the group asking for the desire to be confirmed.

The letter does not have a set length or word count. However, it does need to be written in your own words, from your heart. Make it interesting and make it appropriate. With your letter, paint a picture of yourself, the faith that you have and how eager you are to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

You may choose to type your letter, or you may hand-write your letter. If you choose to hand-write your letter, please use pen and write neatly.

Please note, the parish staff reserves the right to review the letters to make sure the letter requests the Sacrament of Confirmation and that the person is acting freely. (For example, the candidate cannot write that they are only doing this to make their mother happy, etc.)

**\*\*Please address your letter “Dear Bishop SCHUERMAN” \*\***

The letter has the following requirements:

1. Cover why you desire to be confirmed. What does Confirmation mean to you?
2. Cover information about how your faith has grown in the past, how your faith is still growing in the present and what you will do in order for your faith to grow in the future.
3. Include information about your Confirmation name and why you chose that name. Feel free to talk about what you like about the saint whose name you chose and how you plan to imitate their holy life.
4. Write about the service projects you have done within your time in the high school program and what you have learned from these service projects. Did you go into the projects thinking they were going to be boring and useless only to find they enriched your life, your faith and helped others? Did these service projects open up your eyes to potentially exploring a new future career path?

When you are finished:

Put the letter in an unsealed envelope.

Put your first and last name on the envelope.

Turn the envelope into the Christian Formation Office. DUE DATE: January 2nd, 2021