

Candidate Form for Confirmation

Name of Candidate: (first, middle, last) _____

Student Cell: _____

Student Email: _____

Name of Parents: (Mother Maiden) _____ (Father) _____

Parish: _____

Address: _____ **City** _____ **State** ___ **Zip** _____

Parent Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____

Parents Email: _____

School you attend: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Date of Baptism: _____ **Parish Baptism:** _____

Parish of First Holy Communion: _____

Confirmation Name Chosen: (Must be acceptable in the Canon of Saints or Butler's Lives of the Saints) _____

Confirmation Sponsor: _____ **Sponsors Parish:** _____

Copy of Baptismal Certificate: YES / NO

Sponsor Eligibility Form from their home Parish: Yes / NO

(This form is given by the Parish which the Sponsor is a member and must be signed and sealed with the parish seal.)

Our Religious Education Program is mandated by the Bishops of the United States to in-service all students annually regarding Safe Environment. Your student will receive that in-service sometime during this Catechetical year.

*If you **DO NOT** want your student to participate, please sign below. Your student will be withheld from the program when it is presented. Thank You.*

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Program cost is \$60 per student: Cash _____ Check _____

When Choosing a Sponsor

A sponsor must meet all of the following criteria, which are established by universal Church law and which do not vary from place to place. Sponsor must:

- (a) Be Catholic
- (b) Have been baptized, confirmed and receive Communion in the Catholic Church
- (c) Be 17 or older
- (d) Must be living a life consistent with their own baptismal vows.
- (e) Must be in a valid sacramental marriage if married.
- (f) Be a registered member of a parish.

This means that they must be practicing the faith, cannot be engaging in notorious sin, and cannot have taken public positions in opposition to Catholic faith or morals. If a sponsor is married, their marriage must be recognized by the Church. In general, a potential sponsor must obtain a letter or certificate from their own pastor which affirms that they meet the above requirements.

People sometimes object to the requirements for a sponsor. In order to understand the Church's position, several points must be kept in mind. Confirmation is not a private act. It is a public, official liturgy of the Church and welcomes someone into the fullness of discipleship in the Catholic Church. Therefore, the Church has the duty and obligation to require reasonable criteria for being a sponsor. The sponsor is to assist the Candidate in living a Catholic life. In order to do so, the sponsor needs to provide good example of living that life. A person who is not Catholic, or who is not living in a way consistent with the faith, obviously cannot provide the example that is part of the task of being a sponsor. The role of sponsor is a role of service done in the name of the Church, and the person who is a sponsor should be capable of performing that service.

When Choosing a Saint Name

The name you choose for your Saint name **MUST** be a canonized saint according to Butler's Lives of the Saints or the canonical lives of the Saints. It may be an Old Testament Patriarch as well.

Please consider the following when choosing your saint name; that it be a person you admire for the way he/she has lived out their life for God. Consider their charism and the way they encountered Christ. What characteristics of their lives would you want to emulate? Consider a patron of your interests and really think about why you have that interest or talent.

A saint name is more than just a name. It is someone to walk this journey to discipleship with you spiritually. Pray to them asking for their intercession. The communion of saints is a valuable resource for prayer support why not utilize their strength.