

The Pledge

God, the Father of infinite love and mercy,
I pledge to walk with you.

Thank you for the gift of life;
I pledge to live it to the fullest.

Thank you for sending your Son Jesus to redeem us;
I pledge to be his disciple.

Thank you for sending your Spirit to lead and direct us;
I pledge to follow his guidance.

Thank you for the gift of the Catholic Church;
I pledge to allow her to teach
and inspire me to live life to the fullest.

Help me to be patient with anything that I don't understand
about our incredible faith.

Fill me with joy so that I can always be a good witness
to your love and mercy in the world.

Give me wisdom, grace, and courage to live up
to this pledge I make to you today.

Amen.

Sign Here



Confirmation Name and Sponsor Choice

Every time we encounter God something inside us changes. At Confirmation we are asked to take a new name as a sign of that change.

You may take the name of a Saint that you admire or inspires you; or you may take the name of a person who has touched your life in a special way.

What name have you chosen for Confirmation?

Why did you choose this name?

At Confirmation we are also asked to choose a Sponsor. A Sponsor is a person who you trust, whose faith you admire and who will always be there for you.

Who have you chosen to be your Sponsor and why?

Please have your Sponsor complete the "Testimony Form" attached and make sure the Pastor of your Sponsor's Parish signs the form.



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TESTIMONY OF DESIGNATED SPONSOR

The role of sponsor is an important one for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Today some may see the role as honorary, but the Church sees the sponsor, popularly called a godparent, as a fully-initiated Catholic who actively supports the newly Baptized or Confirmed by good example and instruction in the Christian life.

In order to be admitted to the role of sponsor, the law of the Church directs that a person must be designated specifically by the parents of the infant or the individual who is to be baptized or confirmed. To be a sponsor, a person must be a Catholic, at least sixteen years of age, and have already received the Sacraments of the Most Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. In addition, he or she must be leading a life in harmony with the faith and not be bound by a canonical penalty.

I, _____, declare that I have been chosen to act as a sponsor for _____, who is to receive the Sacrament of Baptism/Confirmation on _____ at the Church of _____ in _____.

In assuming this responsibility, I testify that:

- I am at least sixteen years of age.
- I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- I am living a life in harmony with the teachings of the Catholic Church in faith and morals.

Understanding the role of sponsor as prescribed by the Church and aware of the obligations and responsibilities of this role, I attest that I am willing and able to accept the role of sponsor in the Catholic Church.

By my signature, I solemnly swear that I fulfill all of the requirements to be a sponsor as described above. I attest to the truth of this statement, so help me God.

Date

Designated Sponsor

Parish

Pastor/Delegate

Parish Seal:

The Requirements of Sponsor

The role of *sponsor* is an important one for the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. The Church sees the *sponsor* as a fully-initiated Catholic who supports the one receiving the sacrament with example and instruction. Because of the seriousness of this ministry, the Church has the following requirements:

- The sponsor must be a fully-initiated member of the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
- The sponsor must be at least sixteen (16) years of age.
 - In this case, the Catholic who is younger than 16 must be fully initiated.
- The sponsor must have an active life of faith in the Church and provide good example.
 - Someone married outside the Church is not able to receive Communion and is not able to be a sponsor.
 - Also, a Catholic who has left the Church is not able to be a sponsor of a new member into the Church.
 - Therefore, a Catholic who has left the Catholic Church cannot be a sponsor, and cannot be a "Christian witness" if they join another Christian communion.
- The sponsor cannot be either parent.
- When there are two sponsors, they are "spiritual parents" and are to be a godfather and godmother.

TESTIMONIO DE PADRINO O MADRINA DESIGNADO

El papel del Padrino o Madrina es muy importante para los Sacramentos de Bautismo y Confirmación. Hoy algunos pueden ver ese papel como un honor, pero la Iglesia ve a los Padrinos, como un Católico completamente iniciado quien apoya activamente al nuevo Bautizado o Confirmado con el buen ejemplo e instruye en la vida Cristiana.

A fin de ser admitido para el papel de Padrino o Madrina, la ley de la Iglesia indica que una persona debe de ser designada específicamente por los padres del menor o de la persona que va ser bautizado o confirmado. Para ser un Padrino o Madrina, la persona tiene que ser Católica, por lo menos dieciséis años de edad y que haya recibido los Sacramentos de la Eucaristía y Confirmación. Adicionalmente, él o ella deben de llevar una vida en armonía en la fe y no estar unido a una penalidad canónica.

Yo, _____, declaro que he sido escogido para ser un
Padrino o Madrina para _____, quien va recibir el
Sacramento de Bautismo/Confirmación el _____ en la
Iglesia de _____ en _____.

Asumiendo esta responsabilidad, yo testifico que:

- Tengo por lo menos dieciséis años de edad.
- He recibido los Sacramentos de Bautismo, Confirmación y Eucaristía.
- Estoy viviendo una vida en armonía con las enseñanzas de la Iglesia Católica en fe y moralidad.

Entendiendo el papel de Padrino o Madrina como esta pre-escrito por la Iglesia y consciente de las obligaciones y responsabilidades de este papel, yo testifico que estoy dispuesto y que puedo aceptar el papel de Padrino o Madrina en la Iglesia Católica.

Por mi firma, yo solemnemente juro que cumplo todos los requisitos para ser un Padrino o Madrina como ha sido descrito en la parte de arriba. Yo testifico de la verdad de esta declaración, ayúdame Dios.

Fecha

Padrino o Madrina Designado

Parroquia

Pastor/Delegado

Sello de la Iglesia

Los Requisitos para el Padrino o Madrina:

El papel del *Padrino o Madrina* es muy importante para los Sacramentos del Bautismo y Confirmación. La Iglesia ve al *Padrino o Madrina* como un Católico completamente iniciado quien apoya al que está recibiendo el Sacramento con el ejemplo e instrucción. Por la seriedad de este ministerio, la Iglesia requiere los siguientes requisitos:

- El Padrino o Madrina debe de ser un miembro de la Iglesia Católica totalmente iniciado por medio del Bautismo.
 - El Padrino o Madrina debe de tener por lo menos dieciséis años
 - En este caso, el Católico menor de dieciséis años debe estar completamente iniciado.
 - El Padrino o Madrina debe tener una vida activa en la fe de la Iglesia y ser un buen ejemplo.
 - Alguien casado fuera de la Iglesia no puede recibir la Eucaristía y no puede ser un Padrino o Madrina.
 - También, un Católico que se fue de la Iglesia no puede ser un Padrino o Madrina de un nuevo miembro de la Iglesia.
 - Por lo tanto, un Católico que se fue de la Iglesia no puede ser un Padrino o Madrina y no puede ser "Testigo Cristiano" si se unió a otra comunión Cristiana.
 - Los Padres no pueden ser Padrinos.
 - Cuando hay dos Padrinos ellos son "padres espirituales" y van a ser Padrino y Madrina.
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Christian Witness

How Will You Respond?

This is the real question. Are you ready to let Jesus take you to the next level in your spiritual life? If enough people answer yes to this question the Church will again become fresh and new and exciting and alive! Real hope for the future comes from giving everything to the present. If we give ourselves generously to the present God will transform us and in turn he will use us not only to transform our parishes and the Church, but to change the world.

It is our hope that during your Confirmation Study you found a way to bring God's love and mercy to the world. Perhaps it was through your Christian Witness Service Project or perhaps it was simply by performing the Christian Works of Mercy.

The Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry
Give drink to the thirsty
Clothe the naked
Shelter the homeless
Visit the sick
Visit the imprisoned
Bury the dead

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

Learn about your faith and share it
Encourage the doubtful
Support others on the journey
Be patient with others
Forgive willingly
Comfort those who are hurting
Pray for the living and the dead

If you have yet to complete a project consider this. Each day for the next 30 days intentionally practice **one** of these works of mercy. Find meaningful ways to serve.

Please write a paragraph identifying what you did and why you chose to do it. Include specifics- names of organizations, people involved, who you worked with etc. Share some personal thoughts or reactions. Then answer the following questions.

1. Who do you know who has found and followed his or her mission in life?
2. Have you ever asked God what mission he has for you?
3. How do you think what you want for yourself is different from what God wants for you?

Sit with God for a few minutes each day and dream with Him. With the vision he places in your heart go out into the world and be the person God needs you to be.

(Dynamic Catholic /Matthew Kelly)

Requesting the Sacrament

It is important that you know that you are free to respond to God's call at all times in your life. This call asks for a deeper and stronger commitment to your faith.

At this time we ask that you write a letter of request stating why you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Follow the guide below:

Greeting :

Dear Fr. _____

Body of the letter:

Introduce yourself. Tell something about your family and background.

Request the Sacrament. Give several reasons why you would like to be Confirmed.

Explain how you have prepared for the Sacrament.

Tell about specific parts of your preparation, your prayer life, a prayer service that you liked, your service to others, what you have learned about the Holy Spirit, one of the gifts of the Spirit you think you may already have or one you are praying for, what changes you have made in your life since you began the program etc.

Tell how you will continue to carry out your life of service to God and others and how the Holy Spirit will help you to do this.

Conclude and sign your letter.