



Our Lady of Victory

CATHOLIC CHURCH
550 Adams Drive, Crestview, FL 32536

March 6, 2026

Dear Confirmation Sponsor,

Thank you for agreeing to sponsor one of our youth enrolled in the Confirmation program. As a sponsor, you are an important part of their faith journey, and will represent the Catholic Church community. You act as the bridge between the community and the candidate, striving to support them in becoming an active member. As you partake in this journey, please do the following:

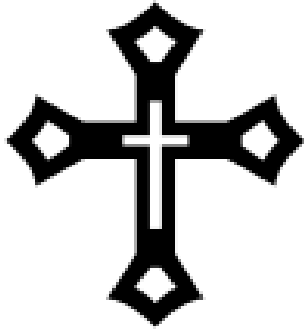
- If you have ***NOT*** provided a “*Confirmation Sponsor Approval*”, complete and return, via e-mail, the form provided on page 2 as soon as possible.
- Meet with your candidate at least three times before the day of their Confirmation, which will be on Tuesday, May 19th, 2026. If an in-person meeting is not possible, phone conversations (***not texting***) would be the next best option. Consider these topics:
 - Share your spiritual journey with the candidate. Why is your faith important to you? What is your practice of prayer? Have you ever left the faith for a period of time? What brought you back? Has your faith been a source of strength during stressful periods? Has your faith been tested by life events? Is reading scripture important to you? *We have also included a list of various questions on pages 3-4.*
 - Pray for the child you are sponsoring and continue to support them throughout their life.
- Please consider writing a “Palanca” letter to the child you are sponsoring. Palanca means “lever” in Spanish and the letter is meant to move each child’s heart. These letters are a surprise and will be given to them on confirmation day. Write from your heart, expressing your prayer for their spiritual development and for their life. You may mail the letter to our Parish at 550 Adams Drive, Crestview, FL.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 19th , 2026 at 7pm. There will be a retreat and rehearsal on Saturday, May 16th, 2026 in the Church. We will confirm the exact time by the first week of May.

God bless you for your willingness to support our youth at this very special time in their faith life.

Yours in Christ,

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Confirmation Sponsor Approval

Responsibilities of a Sponsor

The responsibility of the sponsor is to provide the Confirmation candidate prayerful support and guidance in his or her Christian walk, and to take care that the confirmed person behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations of being a Catholic. Being a sponsor is a lifelong commitment. A sponsor takes on the role of a spiritual parent who brings the candidate to receive the sacrament, presents him to the minister for the anointing, and will later help the confirmed individual live as a true disciple of Christ.

Qualifications in order to be a Sponsor

A sponsor must be at least

- 16 years of age and a practicing Catholic who has been confirmed and has received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist.
- The sponsor must put into practice the Word of God as taught by the Catholic Church, regularly take part in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- If married, married in accordance with the requirements of the Catholic Church. Catholics who are not actively affiliated with and participating in a Catholic parish, or were not sacramentally married (either in a Civil ceremony, before a Justice of the Peace, or before a minister of a Protestant church or Rabbi without proper dispensation, or who are divorced and remarried outside the Catholic Church), may not be admitted as a sponsor.
- A sponsor cannot be the mother or father of the person to be Confirmed.

Your Commitment

If you are seeking to be admitted as a sponsor and are qualified in accord with the conditions listed above, kindly make the following solemn commitment: I, (print) _____, solemnly affirm that I fulfill the requirements of the Catholic Church for this role as presented above. I intend, with the grace of God, to continue the practice of my Catholic Faith, and I will carry out, to the best of my ability, the obligations of my role as sponsor.

Signature _____ Date _____

Sponsor's Parish _____

City/State _____ Ceremony Date May, 19th 2026

Candidate's Name (print) _____

Signature and seal of Sponsor's Pastor _____

Date _____

* Please complete (*with pastor signature and seal*) and return this form via e-mail to lasherv@olv.ptdiocese.org, as soon as possible.

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Sample Questions #1: Knowing God

- 1.) **How did you become Catholic?** Were you baptized when you were a baby or did you become Catholic when you were older? Why did you choose to stay Catholic?
- 2.) **As a Catholic, what makes you different** from other Christians? Give a few examples. What is your favorite Scripture passage, verse or story? Tell me why.
- 3.) **What is your favorite Bible verse or story?** Tell me why.
- 4.) **Tell me about a time in your life when it was difficult to be Catholic** (perhaps a time when you were ridiculed because of your faith, or a time when you struggled to believe in the teachings of your Catholic faith). What did you do to “keep your faith” or find answers to your questions during these times? If you are currently in one of those moments, what help do you need and where are you looking for it?
- 5.) **Who do you turn to, or what resources do you use** when you find that you do not know an answer to a question about your faith? How can you tell whether you have found a “good Catholic resource” on the internet?
- 5.) **What is the difference between** knowing a lot of facts about a person and actually “knowing” a person? What is the difference between “knowing God” and “knowing about God?” Who is Jesus to you?
- 7.) **What teaching of the Church do most people misunderstand?** OR, what misconceptions have you heard when talking to non-Catholic friends? (i.e., someone thinks Catholics believe X but the Church actually teaches Y). How do you react or respond when topics like this come up?
- 3.) **What does the Church teach about...** (insert difficult hot-button topic here)?
- 7.) **Ask your own question:**

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Sample Questions #2: Loving God

- 1.) **When was the first time** you experienced God’s presence in a meaningful way? Tell the story.
- 2.) **What does it look like to “love God”** in today’s day and age?
- 3.) **How do you pray?** Do you have a favorite place to pray or a favorite time to pray? Do you ever find it difficult to pray? Who or what do you usually pray for?
- 4.) **How do you picture the Holy Spirit?** What images come to mind? When or how have you experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?
- 5.) **In what ways do you feel that celebrating the Eucharist** (the Mass) strengthens and nourishes you to live as a Catholic? Did you ever have a time when you did not like going to Mass? What do you do to be more present or pay better attention?
- 6.) **One very special aspect of our Catholic faith** is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Tell me about your own feelings and thoughts about and experiences with this Sacrament. Is it difficult for you to celebrate this Sacrament or was there a time when it was? What kind of preparations do you find helpful before you celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation?
- 7.) **What does “forgiveness” mean to you?** What do you do when you find it very difficult to forgive someone who has hurt you? What do you do when you need to ask forgiveness from someone you have hurt?
- 8.) **Which sacraments have you received so far?** Which ones do you anticipate receiving in the future? Which one is your favorite, or has been most impactful on you, and why?
- 9.) **Ask your own question:**

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Sample Questions #3: Serving God

- 1.) **Who is someone you know** who really tries to live a Catholic Christian lifestyle? What makes him/her different from others?
- 2.) **Do you regularly participate in service projects** or volunteer opportunities at your parish, work, or in your neighborhood? Describe what you do and how it impacts your life.
- 3.) **Have you ever felt particularly close to God?** Tell me about it. Do you think feelings are necessary for faith? Why or why not?
- 4.) **How do you give back to your church?** What ministries are you / have you been involved in? Which one was your favorite, and why?
- 5.) **How does your faith affect your life** outside of Sunday morning—
 - How you interact with people at work?
 - How you spend your money?
 - How you spend your time?
- 6.) **Which corporal work of mercy** do you perform most often? Which is most difficult?
 - Feed the hungry, Give drink to the thirsty, Clothe the naked, Shelter the homeless, Care for the sick, Visit the imprisoned, & Bury the dead
- 7.) **What do you think God is calling you to do with your life?** Which life vocation do you think he has planned for your life (single, married, priest, religious) and your career (job/work)?
- 8.) **If you had a million dollars** and you had to spend it all on people in need, who would you help, and how? What can you do with just \$10 to help these same people? What can you do for free?
- 9.) **Ask your own question:**

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Sample Questions #4: Confirmation-Specific

- 1.) **Do you / did you want to be Confirmed?** Do you want to be Catholic for the rest of your life? Why or why not?
- 2.) **What does it mean to be Confirmed?** Why is this important, or different from any of the other sacraments?
- 3.) **Why did you choose your Sponsor?** Give an example of how he/she is an excellent Catholic role model.
- 4.) **What name did you choose for your Confirmation** name and why? Why is he/she one of your favorite saints? What is there about his/her life that has helped you on your faith journey?
- 5.) **At the Sacrament of Confirmation**, the gifts we first received at our Baptism are strengthened and increased. Which gift do you need most in your life right now? Or, which gift do you need to use more? Sponsors, reflecting back on your life experiences and decisions, which gifts have you used most?

PS: The Gifts of the Spirit are: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel (Right Judgment), Fortitude (Courage), Knowledge, Piety (Reverence), & Fear of the Lord (Wonder and Awe)
- 6.) **What is one of the greatest challenges to being Catholic?** What is the best thing about being Catholic?
- 7.) **In what ways do you still need to grow** in your Catholic faith?
- 8.) **Did anything in your life change** after you were Confirmed? Or, do you expect anything in your life to change after you are Confirmed?
- 9.) **Ask your own question:**