



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) CONFIRMATION SPONSOR COVENANT

As an RCIA Confirmation sponsor, your role is to encourage the faith of your catechumen/candidate, be an “example” to him or her, and to reflect with him or her on the meaning of a life of Catholic discipleship.

The Code of Canon Law (Church Law) specifies the requirements for serving as a sponsor at Confirmation (Canon 893) are the same as those for godparents at Baptism (Canon 874): You may not be the parent of the person being confirmed; you must be at least 16 years old; you must be fully initiated (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist); if married, be in valid Catholic marriage; and live a life of active faith in the Catholic Church.

At St. Mary Cathedral, you also may not be the spouse, fiancé[e], “significant other”, boyfriend/girlfriend, or adult child of the person being confirmed.

Additionally, St. Mary Cathedral prefers that all sponsors complete the Diocese of Austin’s Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) program for the protection of vulnerable populations, potentially including those in the RCIA program. If you live in another diocese, current certification through your diocese’s similar program for the protection of vulnerable populations and abuse prevention will suffice fully.

My RCIA candidate’s/catechumen’s name is: _____

I understand the requirements of being a Confirmation sponsor and I state that I received

the **Sacrament of Baptism**

at _____ Church in

_____ (City, State, Country)

I received the **Sacrament of Confirmation**

at _____ Catholic Church in

_____ (City, State, Country)

(And if married) celebrated the **Sacrament of Marriage**

at _____ in

_____ (City, State, Country)



I am active in the Catholic Church, fully initiated into the Catholic Church, regularly attend Mass on Sunday and strive to live my faith.

Full Legal Name: _____

Preferred Name or Nickname: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number (preferably cell): _____

[Arch]Diocese of Residence: _____

Parish, City, and State: _____

Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) Compliant?

_____ Yes (Diocese of Austin)

_____ No; I need more information about the EIM program (Diocese of Austin)

_____ Yes (Compliant in my [arch]diocese of residence)

_____ No; I need more information about the program in my [arch]diocese of residence

Signature: _____

Signature Date _____

Please return this form during the RCIA class or by mail to: **St. Mary Cathedral RCIA Program**
c/o Office of Catholic Faith Formation (CFF)
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