

Confirmation Sponsorship

To perform the role of Confirmation sponsor, it is necessary that a person fulfill the following conditions:

1. Have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling the role of sponsor.
 2. Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has received the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith.
 3. Not be bound by any other canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared.
 4. Not be the father or mother of the one to be confirmed.
 5. There is to be only one Confirmation sponsor.
- (Cf. canons 873, 874, *Code of Canon Law*).

The sponsor's role:

- The sponsor has the same roles as the parent (see below) plus this person should be at least sixteen years of age and be a fully-initiated Catholic who has celebrated Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation and be someone who actively practices his/her faith.
- The person must also be able to receive the Holy Eucharist at the Confirmation ceremony.
- **The parent of the child being confirmed cannot be their own child's sponsor.**

(Cf. canons 892-893, *Code of Canon Law*).

The parent's/guardian's role:

- To encourage, support and affirm their child's involvement in the Confirmation process.
- To attend any orientation sessions, liturgical rites and practices associated with the Confirmation process.

After careful prayer, reflection, consultation with your parent's, and discernment about who is best suited to be your Confirmation Sponsor. Please verify with the sponsor that they are able to faithfully fulfill this role for you and that they meet the established criteria as outlined above to serve as your Confirmation Sponsor.

Please fill out this form and return the bottom portion of this form by Sunday, January 20, 2019.

Parent's signature indicates that the Confirmation Sponsor meets all conditions listed above.

Candidate: _____ Confirmation Name: _____
(This is who you wrote your Saint paper on last year)

Sponsor's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Sponsor's Address: _____

Sponsor's Email _____

Parent Signature: _____

Saints Paper & Choosing Your Confirmation Name

Confirmation Name

It is customary for Confirmation candidates to pick the name of a Catholic saint that they admire & wish to imitate as they grow into discipleship in Christ. Candidates are encouraged to give this selection considerable prayer, thought, & research. Students may select individuals that have been elevated to “Blessed” or actual “Sainted” status. You may also pick a saint of the opposite sex.

You have (2) options concerning the choice of a Confirmation name.

1. Choose your **baptismal name** (your regular first name). This shows the sacramental connection between the first and second part of your initiation into the Catholic Church-Baptism & First Eucharist. Staying with your baptismal name can demonstrate that you feel there has been a continual growth in your faith and you now wish to make this formal through Confirmation.
2. You may choose a **Saint’s** name. This would symbolize a new beginning in your faith life and a connection to that saint. This is especially appropriate if you are making a renewed commitment to your faith. Taking the new name shows that you are a “new” person in how you are choosing to live out your faith. Some examples of Saint’s who received new names - Simon the fisherman becomes Peter, Saul the persecutor becomes Paul, Sister Agnes the nun becomes Mother Theresa, Jorge Mario Bergoglio becomes Pope Francis, etc.

The name you choose will represent the direction you feel your faith life is taking, or would represent a strength or attribute you feel you need. In order to facilitate some thoughtfulness about this process, you have almost 4 months to make a final decision (some of this time is over the holiday break). Pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit to be with you in this decision making process.

Saint Paper Requirements:

The Saint Paper for **9th Grade Students** is due at the **January 20, 2019** gathering. **Clearly indicate at the top of the essay the specific name of the saint you are choosing** (i.e. ***Saint John is not specific enough*** as there is a Saint John the Baptist, Saint John the Evangelist, Saint John of the Cross, Saint John Lateran, etc.). The paper should be **a minimum of one full page** (11 point font – double spaced) composed of at least three, strong paragraphs discussing: #1 basic biographical facts of the saint (including any important struggles or triumphs in his/ her life) that struck you, #2 why you picked this saint, & #3 how this person’s life story can help you follow Jesus more closely. If you choose your **baptismal name**, please also share why your parents chose this name for you at birth and why you are keeping it. If you are selecting a **new name**, please also share what attributes of this person do you hope to emulate by modeling yourself after this saint? **Please list the resources cited to write the Saints paper.**

Pray to the saint for guidance and wisdom in your life. Saints’ lives are meant to inspire us and offer us a short cut on how to live as Christians and how to follow the Gospel. The Saints said “YES” to God in their lives, and lived it with their whole being. **Allow the Saint’s life to mentor and guide you in faith - through prayer and action.**