

Dear Sponsor,

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that the desire for God is written in our hearts. This is true not only for adults but for young people as well. All people are naturally and spiritually drawn toward God.

As young people prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, they are entering a unique stage of their spiritual journey. Preparation for the sacrament is about preparation for celebrating and living a life of faith. Adults-parents, other family members, Sponsors, catechists, members of the parish team, and the entire assembly--are privileged to journey with the young people during this time of preparation.

A Sponsor is a companion and guide who gives spiritual help and encouragement to a person who is preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Code of Canon Law reminds us that "[t]he sponsor's function is to take care that the person confirmed behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the duties inherent in the sacrament" (Canon 892).

As a Sponsor, you have been chosen to play an essential role in the life of a young person who is in the process of preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. You may have been asked to be the Sponsor for this candidate because you are the candidate's godparent, or because of ties of friendship or family, or because you are viewed by this young person as a model of faith. Perhaps all these reasons were involved in the choice. Whatever the case, you are now embarking on a shared faith journey that can enrich both you and your candidate.

As you share in this blessed time of sacrament preparation, enjoy the time you and your candidate spend together. Keep the lines of communication open and keep your candidate in your prayers. Remember that the Holy Spirit--given to you at your own Confirmation--will be with you to help and guide you in the weeks and months ahead.

Please fill out the Sponsor Covenant on the following page and return by December 7, 2025 at:

Return to:

**St. John XXIII Parish
Attn: Lesa Staehler
1800 N. Wisconsin Street
Port Washington, WI 53076**

An extra copy of the Sponsor Covenant is included for you to keep. This will remind you of this special commitment that you have made. Thank you for your willingness to act as a Sponsor.

Sincerely,



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Sponsor Covenant

The Covenant is a solemn agreement God and his people enter into. God's faithful and loving commitment to us was fulfilled in Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. As you now prepare to Sponsor a candidate for Confirmation, you are also called to enter into a covenant relationship. Read over the promises below. As a sign of your serious commitment to fulfill your role as a Sponsor, sign your name at the bottom of this covenant. Please print your candidate's name in the space provided and return your signed copy no later than **December 7, 2025**.

As a Confirmation Sponsor, I pledge...

- **To be a living example of faith for my candidate.**
- **To pray for my candidate during the preparation and after Confirmation.**
- **To reflect with my candidate on the meaning of Confirmation in the life of a Catholic.**
- **To be open to growing in my own faith as I support and encourage my candidate to live a vibrant Catholic life before and after they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.**

I ask the help of the Holy Spirit as I begin this life long relationship with my candidate. I pray that the Holy Spirit will be with me as I dedicate myself to living the commitment I make through this covenant.

I recognize that in order to serve as a Sponsor for Confirmation, a person must:

- Be fully initiated Catholic who has been baptized, confirmed and has received First Eucharist.
- Be someone who is actively participating in the life of the Church.
- Be at least sixteen years of age.
- Lead a life of faith in harmony with the ministry they are undertaking, and have the intention of undertaking the ministry of Sponsor.
- Not be a parent of the candidate to be confirmed.

I hereby testify that I fulfill these requirements to serve in the ministry of Sponsor.

Sponsor's Signature

Candidate's Name (Printed)

Date signed: ____/____/____