

# Confirmation Materials (Due at December RE session)

## 1. Confirmation candidate form

## 2. Confirmation sponsor form

## 3. Service hours due (half of the required 8 service activities for the year)

- Record these in your Service Activities Journal, with a brief reflection about each project.
- Catechists will check these journals in class and return them immediately.

## 4. Confirmation Saint Report

- At least two substantial paragraphs, single spaced, 12-14 font, no greater than 1" margins, at least a half page in length.

- Answer these questions in the report:

- 1) Who was the saint and when did he/she live?
- 2) What did this saint do in life that caused others to see him/her as especially holy?
- 3) Why did you choose this saint for your confirmation name?
- 4) How can this saint's example and prayers help you to live out a holy life?

### Saint Websites

<http://www.roman-catholic-saints.com/>

<http://www.catholic-saints.net/saints/>

<http://www.catholictradition.org/Saints/saints.htm>

<https://mycatholic.life/saints/>

<http://www.catholic-saints.info/>

<http://saintsresource.com/>

## 5. Letter to Pastor

- One of the requirements for confirmation is that candidates express to the bishop or pastor a free and genuine desire to receive the sacrament. Such is the purpose of the letter that you are required to write to Fr. Greg (pastor of Visitation Parish).

- In this letter you should make it clear that you have participated faithfully in the confirmation preparation program and consider yourself ready to receive the sacrament. The sacrament of confirmation, like all the sacraments, is a gift from God. We don't "earn" the right to such a gift, but we do have to prepare ourselves to receive and appreciate it.

- You should demonstrate a basic knowledge of what the Sacrament of Confirmation is and does for those who receive it.

- Finally, you should state what the responsibilities are of those who are confirmed:

- Following Jesus more closely,
- Attending mass regularly,
- Discerning the gifts of the Spirit and using them to build up the Church,
- Knowing and defending the Catholic faith,
- Spreading the Good News of Jesus to others through word and example,
- Serving others in charity, especially the poor and vulnerable.



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## Confirmation Candidate Parish Register Information

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION LEGIBLY

Candidate's Baptismal Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Full First Name Last Name

Confirmation Saint Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age on Confirmation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_  
Church City State

Date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_  
FULL DATE Mo/date/year

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Full First Name Last Name

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Full First Name Maiden Name

Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Full First Name Last Name

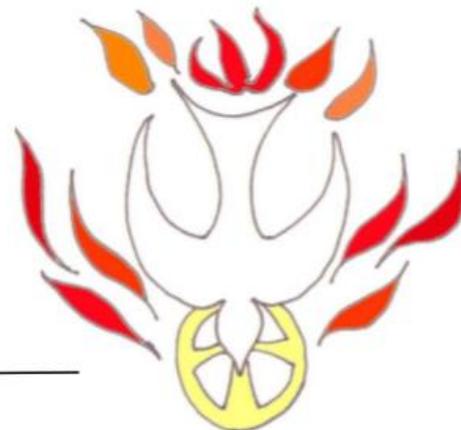
Sponsor's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Mo/date/year

Sponsor's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### Sponsor's Relationship

- Godparent
- Grandparent
- Uncle or Aunt
- Sibling
- Other Family Member \_\_\_\_\_
- Family Friend
- Other \_\_\_\_\_





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Confirmation Sponsor Form

Name of Confirmation Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print

Dear Friend,

We congratulate you! We have been informed that you have been chosen as a Confirmation Sponsor.

Please fill out the information below and present this letter to one of your parish priests at your rectory for his signature and church seal. Then return it to your confirmation candidate so they can turn it in to our religious education office.

“The 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” (Code of Canon Law, Can892)

Sponsor Requirements: at least 16 years of age, a Catholic who has been confirmed and lives a life of faith in conformity to the teachings of the Catholic Church, and not the parent of the candidate (Can.874). “It is desirable that the sponsor chosen be the one who undertook this role at baptism.” (Can.873, §1).

I HEREBY AFFIRM:

- My faith in Christ and His teachings and my fidelity to the teachings of the Catholic Church.
• That I practice my faith by regularly attending Sunday Mass.
• That I have received the sacrament of Baptism and have been confirmed in the Catholic Church.
• That I am a registered member of

Church City State

- That I am fully aware of my responsibilities as a sponsor to provide the confirmation candidate with the proper example of active, adult membership in the church and to encourage the candidate to follow this example.

I DO THEREFORE AFFIRM THAT I MEET ALL THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS TO BE A SPONSOR.

Sponsor Signature

Sponsor Name – PLEASE PRINT

Signature of sponsor’s pastor/associate

Date

verifying the above sponsor is a registered member of the parish.

PARISH SEAL

# Guidelines for Letter to Pastor Requesting Confirmation

Your letter to Fr. Greg is due in the last class before Christmas break.

The letter is to be typed, double-spaced, 14 font, at least a half page in length

## Here is a sample format for the letter:

Your Name  
Your Street Address  
Your Town, IL zip code

Date of letter.

Reverend Greg Skowron  
Visitation Parish  
779 S. York Rd.  
Elmhurst, IL 60126

Dear Father Greg,

Paragraph 1: State your name, age, grade level, and school.

Explain your reason for writing: requesting the sacrament of confirmation.

Paragraph 2: "I want to be confirmed because..." (minimum of 3 sentences).

Explain what the gift of confirmation offers to you as a young Catholic.

What responsibilities are you called to as a maturing disciple of Jesus and member of his Church?

Paragraph 3: "Things I have been doing to prepare for confirmation are..." (minimum of 4 sentences).

Attending and participating faithfully in religious education classes.

Researching saints, studying Catholic beliefs and practices, praying, choosing a sponsor, etc.

Paragraph 4: "I have selected \_\_\_\_\_ as my confirmation name because..." (minimum 2 sentences).

Why did you choose this particular saint for your confirmation name?

Closing --- Thank Fr. Greg for his priestly ministry to the people of Visitation.

Sincerely,

Sign your name:        First        Confirmation Name (Saint)        Last

Type your name as you signed it.