Dear Candidate for Confirmation,

We share your joy as you respond to the Holy Spirit's invitation to enter more deeply into the life of Christ.

In Confirmation, the Holy Spirit will stir up and more fully activate within you the divine life that you first received in Baptism. God's life, called grace because He give it freely, is not limited to the sacraments, but Christ did institute the sacraments to be channels of his life, poured out through the ministry of the Church.
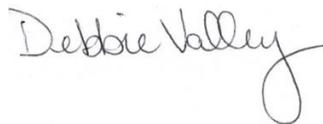
A sacramental sponsor has an important role to play in this ministry. At baptism the sponsor, also known as the godparent, undertakes to be an example to the child of living the Catholic faith. The child's own parents have the primary responsibility, but a godparent is another faithful Catholic adult, outside the immediate family, inspiring and encouraging the growing faith of the child.

The Confirmation sponsor helps the youngster in a similar way at a later stage of life, which is why a sponsor needs to be a faithful Catholic. If the baptismal sponsor still lives the Catholic life, they would be an ideal sponsor for Confirmation.

On the back of this page is a list of specific qualifications for serving as a Confirmation sponsor. Ask someone who you know would qualify, and with whom you have a good relationship. The sponsor needs to read the requirements and, if they are willing and able to serve, sign it. Please do not ask them to be dishonest before the Lord, by, for example, asking someone to be a sponsor who you know does not attend Mass each week. Then they have their own pastor sign it and apply the parish seal. When that is done, mail or give the form to me.

If you need help finding a sponsor, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

In Christ,

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Sponsor Eligibility Form for Confirmation

I,_____ am a registered and participating member of

        (Please Print Full Name)

_____. I accept the role of sponsor for

        (Name of Parish, City & State)

_____.

        (Candidate's Full Name)

As Sponsor, I affirm the following:

If you cannot affirm each of the following points listed below, please **do not** *sign this form. Instead contact Debbie Valley at 937-382-1596 or* dvalley@stcolumbkille.org *to schedule a meeting. She will work with you as you move forward with the possibility of being a sponsor.*

- ❖ I am of legal canonical age (16 years old)
- ❖ I have received the Sacrament of Confirmation at

    _____   _____
            (Name of Church)   (City, State)

- ❖ I faithfully participate in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and give witness to my Catholic faith in Christ Jesus by regularly receiving Him in Holy Communion.
- ❖ I strive to live out my commitment to Christ and the Church, by my loving response to all.
- ❖ By my example and by my direct invitation, I will inspire the one I am sponsoring and their parents to know and love Jesus better and improve their practice of the Catholic Faith.
- ❖ *For Married Catholics*: I am validly married according to the laws of the Catholic Church
- ❖ *For Single Catholics*: I am living a Christian life in accordance with the laws of God and the Catholic Church, striving to live Christ's call to single people to live a holy and chaste life.

Sponsor's Signature: _____

Signature of Sponsor's Pastor: _____

Parish Name and Address: _____

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Please return this form to the parish office as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation!

Sponsor Address _____

City/State/Zip _____   Phone: _____

E-mail: _____   Date: _____

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