

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Your Parish _____

Baptismal and Family Name _____ / _____ / _____
First Middle Last

Confirmation Name _____

Age at the time of Confirmation _____

Baptism Information

Date of Baptism _____

Name of Church _____

City of Church _____

Mailing Address of Church of Baptism as it should appear on an envelope

<p>St. Anthony Cat. Church 2536 Hoffmeyer Rd. Florence, SC 29560</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 50px; height: 50px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>
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Parents (Father's Full Name)

(Mother's First and Maiden Name)

Sponsor

*We must have a copy of your Baptismal Certificate. If you go to St. Anthony School, we already have your Baptismal certificate. If you do not have a baptismal certificate, please request a copy from the church in which you were baptized.

Please return this form by _____

Supply Baptismal certificate and Sponsor affidavit by _____

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Bap. Cert. _____ Sponsor affidavit _____ Rec. St. A. _____ Notification sent _____

Class _____ FC pg. _____ Mass attend. _____ Acknowledged _____

Hours _____ Handbook _____

What are the responsibilities of a Confirmation sponsor?

The primary responsibility of the sponsor is to provide the candidate prayerful support and guidance in his or her Christian walk and to “take care that the confirmed person behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations inherent in this sacrament” (canon 892). It is desirable that the Baptism sponsor take on this role, but not a necessity.

Being a sponsor is a lifelong commitment. A Sponsor takes on the role of a spiritual parent who “brings the candidate to receive the sacrament, presents him to the minister for the anointing, and will later help him to fulfill his baptismal promises faithfully under the influence of the Holy Spirit” (Rite of Confirmation 5).

Some of the responsibilities of a sponsor to the candidate before Confirmation:

- Pray regularly for and with the candidates, if possible, and be an example of a person of prayer
- Cultivate a supportive and encouraging relationship with the confirmand
- Be involved in the catechetical preparation
- Have knowledge of the personal faith of the candidate and share their own faith experience thus leading the candidate to a deeper familiarity with the action of the Holy Spirit.

Some of the responsibilities of a sponsor after Confirmation:

- To maintain regular contact, especially on the anniversary of the Confirmation
- Pray for the Confirmed
- Encourage participation in the life of the Church, especially through the local parish
- Continue ongoing catechesis

The intended sponsor must be a practicing Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation and is at least 16 years of age. If married, the marriage must have been celebrated in the presence of a Catholic priest, deacon, or bishop, or conducted with a dispensation from the Bishop. If not married, the intended sponsor cannot be living with another person as a couple. The intended sponsor cannot be a parent of the candidate.

Prayer of the Candidate:

O Holy Spirit, you have been with me and have counseled me ever since my Baptism. I thank you. Stay with me as I prepare to be Confirmed. Please inspire my parents and I to choose a sponsor who will help to prepare me well for the Sacrament. Be with us as we weigh the different choices. Help us to make an intelligent choice and not an emotional one. I desire to become strong, faith-filled Catholic Christian. Lead us to the person who will be the best guide for me. Amen.

Prayer of the Parents:

O Holy Spirit, you have entrusted (name) to us. Our role as parents is to protect and nurture (him/her) in every way and realizing that the spiritual life is of the utmost importance, give us grace to know who the best partner for fostering a mature faith in our child. Amen.

**BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION
 GODPARENT/SPONSOR TESTIMONY**

I, _____, a practicing member of _____
 NAME OF SPONSOR NAME AND LOCATION OF PARISH

testify by my answers and signature below that I have been asked by the parents or the candidate to serve and am qualified and willing to serve as a godparent/sponsor for ___ Baptism ___ Confirmation in the Catholic Church for _____
 NAME OF BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE

Please circle either YES or NO for each statement below (Canon 874).

- YES NO I am a Catholic.
- YES NO I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation.
- YES NO I am at least 16 years of age.
- YES NO I am presently active in the practice of the Faith by attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days and are receiving the Sacraments frequently. I am free to receive Holy Communion.
- YES NO I am the parent of this candidate.
- YES NO I am married.
- YES NO If married, was your present marriage celebrated in the presence of a Catholic bishop, priest or deacon?
- YES NO If your marriage was not celebrated with in the presence of a Catholic bishop, priest or deacon, was it celebrated outside a Catholic Church with the written permission of a Catholic bishop?

Answer the following ONLY if unmarried:

- YES NO Are you living with another person in a romantic relationship or as a couple?

I declare in the name of the Lord, and in the presence of a Catholic priest, deacon, or a representative of the pastor of a Catholic Church, that my answers are the whole truth.

Signature of Godparent/Sponsor _____
 Signature of Church Representative _____
 Title of Representative _____
 Parish _____
 Parish City and State _____
 Date _____

Saint Paper

Format requirements:

Typed – double spaced – 14 font
Indent each paragraph
No extra spaces (lines) between paragraphs
At least one page in length
Black ink

Cover sheet:

Your name
Saint Name
Patron saint of _____
Feast day is _____
Picture of saint (optional)

Content requirements:

Summarize life of saint
Include saint's special virtues
Include opening prayer of the Mass said on your saint's feast day (optional)
Why did you chose the name, why did you find the saint appealing (is it the name of a relative or someone you admire?)
Include ways we venerate (honor) the saint and reasons we ask for his/her intercessions.,
Example – Saint Blaise blessed a boy choking to death and the bone dissolved.
On his feast day we go to church and get our throats blessed. We ask him to help us when we have problems with our throats.

You must use at least **two** sources.

Include this paper in your faith journey.

A Growth Interview

Directions: Use these questions as a guide to an interview with your parents about your early years. Full answers need not be put on this paper. Perhaps writing a few sentences or phrases will be enough to help you remember what was said.

Date of Interview: _____

Person Interviewed: _____

Relationship to you: _____

1. What were some circumstances or events you remember about the time of my birth?

2. How did I get the name I have? Am I named after someone special? What were some of the other names you were thinking of calling me when I was born?

3. What was my favorite baby toy?

4. What do you remember about my first day of school?

5. What do you remember about one of my early birthdays?

6. What do you like best about me? What special gift or talents do you think I have?

7. What do you recall as the silliest or funniest things I have ever done?

8. What is your biggest hope for me?

9. Is there something I could change that would make you very happy?

10. Do you think I am ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Name: _____ Date: _____

**A LETTER TO THE BISHOP
REQUESTING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Each candidate is required to write a letter to the Bishop, stating your desire to be confirmed. The letter is *your own description* of your personal faith journey so far. They are also a reflection on both you and on St. John Paul II Parish, so please write what is in your heart and take this endeavor seriously.

Here are some guidelines. These topics should be covered, in your own words and style.

All letters should be **typed** and you should check your spelling and grammar.

GREETING

Begin your letter with the greeting -- Your Excellency,

BODY OF LETTER

- Paragraph 1 Introduce yourself. Say something about your family, your education and your parish
- Paragraph 2 Request the sacrament. Give several reasons why you would like to be confirmed
- Paragraph 3 Explain how you have prepared for the sacrament. It is important that you tell about specific parts of your preparation: your prayer life, your celebration of the other sacraments, your service hours, your sponsor's name and why you chose them and/or your saint's name and why you chose it.
- Paragraph 4 Tell what difficulties young people today face and how you will continue to carry out your life of service to God and others through the power of the Holy Spirit. Tell how you plan to make your Confirmation in the Faith real and alive in your life.

CONCLUSION

Conclude the letter and include your complete signature

There is no "right" way to write this letter. Everyone's will be different, as each of you have had a different experience. Most importantly is should be your own work and a personal reflection of your journey.

SAMPLE LETTERS

SAMPLE 1

Your Excellency,

My name is John (Jane) Smith. I am currently in 10th Grade at (name of School) and I belong to St. John Paul II parish in Pawtucket, RI. I have an older brother and a younger sister. I have lived in Pawtucket all my life. I enjoy playing sports, watching TV, and having fun with my friends.

I am writing you today to request to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. I want to be confirmed because I want to deepen my relationship with Jesus. I know that when I receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, I will be more fully equipped to face the challenges that I will have in the future. I want my Catholic Faith to always be a big part of my life, and I know that Confirmation will give me the grace that I need to keep it like that.

I have done a lot of work in preparation for Confirmation. I began my preparation in 9th grade, reviewing important information about Jesus, the Bible and the Church. I have finally chosen my Confirmation saint, who is St. (name), whom I admire very much because (reason). I participated in all of my classes, which taught me a great deal about the Faith. I also completed my service hours, as well as found a sponsor, which helped me see the importance of serving others, which is something Jesus always likes to see.

Once I am confirmed, I will continue to live my Catholic Faith for the rest of my life. I will go to Mass on Sundays, and try to make it to Confession more often. I will continue to learn about my Faith by reading the Bible and listening more closely to those who talk to me about doing the will of God. I look forward to meeting you, your Excellency, when you come to our Church to celebrate Confirmation.

Sincerely,

(Signature here)

John (Jane) Smith

SAMPLE 2

February 22, 2015

Your Excellency,

My name is John (Jane) Smith and I am currently preparing for Confirmation. I am 16 years old and I am a sophomore at (school name). I have been preparing for Confirmation for almost two years now and I want to be confirmed.

I want to be confirmed because I have been preparing for this sacrament and I am ready. I have learned that Confirmation is not the end of my faith life, but just the beginning. I am ready to take my faith seriously, become active in my parish, and live out my faith through service.

I have had several service experiences throughout the past two years including volunteering at a local soup kitchen. It was then that I realized, again, how fortunate I am to come from such a good family and live where I do.

I am the oldest of three children. I enjoy participating in sports, drama and the events at my parish. My parents are involved in the parish. They have been good role models for what it means to live out my faith.

Confirmation means that I am ready and willing to publicly state that my faith is important to me. I feel I am ready to live out my faith with the help of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely

(Handwritten signature)

John (Jane) Smith

Report on Service Activity

Name: _____

Date: _____

Number of Service Hours: _____

Description of Service:

What virtues did you need to accomplish this service?

Signature of parent or supervisor: _____

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