

## Church of Our Lady of the Assumption

### Confirmation Commitment Pledge

My child and I have discussed the importance of the sacrament of Confirmation. Understanding that the preparation period for the reception of this sacrament requires a concentrated two-year high school program, including written assignments, classroom work, meeting attendance and service projects, as a family, we are willing to make a commitment to the preparatory process for the sacrament of Confirmation.

As parents of a candidate for Confirmation we/I will take responsibility for my child's:

- ✓ Weekly attendance at Mass
- ✓ Faithful attendance at all Confirmation classes
- ✓ Effort, cooperation, participation and general good attitude during these classes
- ✓ Completing Service Projects within the parish and handing in all related forms on time
- ✓ Completion of all forms relative to information needed for Confirmation on time
- ✓ Attendance at yearly Confirmation Retreat ( 9TH AND 10TH GRADE)
- ✓ Attending Confirmation Interview with Father Glen and the Confirmation Director ( 10th Grade only)

I/we understand that it is only by fulfilling the articles stated above that my/our child will be eligible for the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

As a Candidate for the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation, I agree to fulfill the responsibilities stated above.

Confirmation Candidate's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE REGISTRATION

CANDIDATE'S FULL NAME

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CONFIRMATION NAME

\_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE

\_\_\_\_\_

AGE AT CONFIRMATION

\_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH OF BAPTISM

\_\_\_\_\_

CITY

\_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BAPTISM

\_\_\_\_\_

STATE

\_\_\_\_\_

CANDIDATE'S ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_

Street

Town

FATHER'S NAME

\_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S FULL MAIDEN NAME

\_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR'S NAME

\_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE**

## **Role of a Confirmation Sponsor**

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the role of the Confirmation sponsor is to, "Continue to help the candidate along the road of Christian life, to safeguard and develop the grace given at Baptism and now sealed with the Holy Spirit." (CCC. 1320)

### **Sponsors**

A sponsor is a Catholic in "good standing" who has made his/her Confirmation. Sponsorship is a life-time commitment. The purpose of the candidate and sponsor relationship is to lead the candidate into a deeper relationship with Jesus.

The sponsor should be chosen carefully. Please read the Church guidelines listed below before you make your choice of a sponsor.

#### **CANON LAW REGARDING SPONSORS**

- A sponsor must be at least 16 years of age.
- A sponsor must be a Catholic who has been Confirmed, is practicing the Faith, and a registered member of a Catholic Parish. **Those who are not members of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish must provide a sponsor certificate signed by a priest of their parish indicating that they are a member in good standing.** Sponsors who are members of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish will be certified by the parish office.
- A sponsor cannot be the parent of the candidate.
- A sponsor should be present at the Confirmation (although under extraordinary circumstances, a "proxy" may stand in for a sponsor not able to attend).
- It is ideal that one of the sponsors (Godparents) at Baptism be the sponsor for Confirmation, but not mandatory.

## SPONSOR INFORMATION

**PLEASE ATTACH THE SPONSOR CERTIFICATE TO THIS FORM IF SPONSOR DOES NOT BELONG TO OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION.**

I have been asked to be the Confirmation Sponsor for:

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Confirmation Candidate

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**PLEASE CHECK ONE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a **REGISTERED** member of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish.  
I attend Mass there and receive the Sacraments regularly.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am **NOT** a member of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish. Attached  
is my certificate from my parish.

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Sponsor's Name

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Address

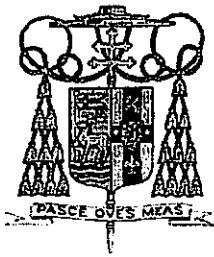
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Relationship to Candidate

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Phone

**PLEASE NOTE: PARENTS CANNOT BE SPONSORS**



ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD  
*BAPTISM AND/OR CONFIRMATION  
GODPARENT/SPONSOR AFFIRMATION*

**I. Some Basic Church Norms Concerning Godparents/Sponsors**

It is the very ancient custom of the Church that at the celebration of the sacrament of baptism or confirmation, a godparent/sponsor is present. The function of the godparent/sponsor is; A) together with the celebrant who baptizes or confirms, to represent the Church in receiving the person into the communion of the Church; and B) to support the person in living the Catholic Christian life.

In accord with **Canon 874 of the Code of Canon Law**, the Church can admit a person to the role of godparent/sponsor if; A) he or she is more than sixteen years of age; B) is a baptized Catholic who has been Confirmed and has already received the Blessed Eucharist and lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken; and C) is neither the father or the mother of the person.

Given the functions and role a godparent/sponsor exercises, a non-Catholic Christian cannot be admitted as a godparent/sponsor; however, he or she can serve as a Christian witness (c. 874 §2). A person baptized as a Catholic who is now sacramentally or canonically ineligible to serve as a godparent may not serve as a Christian witness. These include those who subsequently renounced the faith in favor of another church community or entity. Those unbaptized and those whose Baptism is not recognized by the Catholic Church may not serve in the role of Christian witness, but are welcome to be present at the ceremony.

Note that the Catholic seeking to be admitted as a godparent/sponsor "lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken." This phraseology means that the candidate for godparent/sponsor; A) sincerely believes and strives to put into practice the Word of God as taught by the Catholic Church; B) regularly takes part in the Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation; and C) if married, was married in accordance with the requirements of the Catholic Church.

**II. Affirmation of the Prospective Godparent/Sponsor**

If therefore, you seek to be admitted as a godparent/sponsor, and are convinced that you qualify in accordance with the conditions listed above, kindly make the following **solemn affirmation** before God:

I, *(print full name)* \_\_\_\_\_, a practicing Catholic seeking to be admitted as a godparent/sponsor; solemnly affirm that I fulfill the requirements of the Catholic Church for this role as presented above. I **intend**, with the grace of God, to continue the practice of my Catholic faith, and I will, to the best of my ability, carry out the obligations of my role as godparent/sponsor.

***(PLEASE PRINT)***

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date of Ceremony*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Baptism or Confirmation Candidate (circle one)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Parish/Town*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Godparent/Sponsor*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Today's Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Godparent's/Sponsor's email address*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Godparent/Sponsor's phone number*

***On completion of this form, please present, mail, or fax to the Priest or Deacon seven (7) days prior to the date the sacrament(s) will be celebrated.***

Church of Our Lady of the Assumption  
Office of Faith Formation

Confirmation Service Report Form

**All service projects must be performed at or for the Our Lady of the Assumption parish.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of Service: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Hours of Service Given: \_\_\_\_\_

Verified by Supervising Adult: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Event you participated in: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

My project was: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted \_\_\_\_\_ Not Accepted \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_