



St. Therese Parish

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 of 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.

We ask that you please fill out the attached "Sponsor Covenant". Please keep a copy for yourself to remind you of the commitment that you have made. Please also take your "Certificate of Sponsorship for Confirmation" to your parish to have it filled out by your parish priest. We ask that you please mail both forms back to us at:

Saint Therese Parish
Attn: Dcn. Mike Lambrecht
112 West Kort Street
Schofield, WI 54476

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 715-298-7366 or mike@sttheresecc.org. Thank you for your willingness and generosity in serving as a Confirmation Sponsor.

Sincerely,

Dcn. Mike Lambrecht
Director of Religious Education

Certificate of Sponsorship for Confirmation

[Please return by April 5, 2023]

I recognize that Sponsors have a special ministry in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Along with the parents, Sponsors present the candidate for confirmation to the Church. It is also their responsibility to assist the confirmand to lead a life in harmony with their Baptism and Confirmation, and to fulfill the obligations flowing from them.

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

1. Be a fully initiated Catholic who has been baptized, confirmed and has received First Eucharist.
2. Be someone who is actively participating in the life of the Church.
3. Be at least sixteen years of age.
4. Lead a life of faith in harmony with the ministry they are undertaking, and have the intention of undertaking the ministry of Sponsor.
5. 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.

Signature of Sponsor

Sponsor's Name (Please Print)

Candidate being sponsored (Please Print)

I hereby testify that _____ **residing at**
Sponsor's Name
_____ **is a registered member**
Address City State Zip
of _____ **parish, and affirm that he/she fulfills all the requirements to**
Parish Name
serve in the ministry of Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Signature of Sponsor's Parish Priest

Sponsor's Parish Address

Place Parish Seal Here

Sponsor's Parish City, State, Zip

**Return to: St. Therese Parish
Attn: Dcn. Mike
112 West Kort Street
Schofield, WI 54476**

Sponsor Covenant

[Copy to be submitted to Saint Therese by April 5, 2023]

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As a Confirmation Sponsor, I pledge...

To be a living example of faith for my candidate.

To work willingly with my candidate throughout the preparation process.

To discuss on a regular basis what my candidate is learning in formal sessions.

To reflect with my candidate on the meaning of Confirmation in the life of a Catholic.

To participate in candidate/Sponsor events.

To be open to growing in my own faith as I journey through the preparation process with my candidate.

I ask the help of the Holy Spirit as I begin this preparation process 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.

Sponsor's Signature

Candidate's Name (Printed)

Date

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[Sponsor - This Copy is Yours to Keep]

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