

Holy Family Parish Confirmation Preparation Program Sponsor Information Form

Return this form to:

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Candidates: Please give this form to your Confirmation sponsor.

Please return by October 1.

Candidate:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Confirmation Sponsor:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Mailing Information: _____
Street Address

_____ City State Zip Code

E-mail: _____

Relationship to Candidate: _____

I have reviewed the requirements (see back) to be a Confirmation Sponsor for a Confirmation Candidate who is enrolled in the Holy Family Parish Confirmation preparation program. I meet the requirements and will do my best to carry out these responsibilities to the best of my ability:

- A minimum of three conversations based on materials pertaining to the book *Have Faith* by Michael Carrotta. Each candidate and sponsor will receive a copy of this book and more information pertaining to the conversations to be held.
- Attendance at the Confirmation Mass and rehearsal, of which the rehearsal will likely be held the evening before the Confirmation Mass.
- Participation in activities and attendance at any meetings involving parents, as the sponsor is able to participate. It is understood that out-of-region sponsors are not able to attend meetings.

Sponsor Signature

Date

Requirements of Confirmation Sponsors:

These requirements are based on the Catholic Church *Code of Canon Law* (892, 893 & 874) and *Preparing for Confirmation: Resources and Guidelines* by the Archdiocese of Boston (2002 edition, particularly Section 5)

Confirmation sponsors...

- ✠ Are often a baptismal godparent of the Confirmation candidate. The Church highly encourages this practice to signify the closeness of the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. If you are not the baptismal godparent, please be sensitive to the godparents and the situation that led to your being chosen as the Confirmation sponsor.
- ✠ Should already have an ongoing relationship with the candidate. The Church expects that this relationship will deepen during the Confirmation preparation process and will continue after the candidate has received the sacrament of Confirmation.
- ✠ Must be chosen by the Confirmation candidate, although candidates usually receive guidance from others (often parents) in their decision-making process. If you believe your selection as Confirmation sponsor is not the desire of the Confirmation candidate, please contact the Holy Family Parish offices.
- ✠ Must be actively practicing the Catholic faith through regular participation in his/her Catholic community, including regular participation in worship and reception of the Eucharist.
- ✠ Need to be able to communicate to the candidate the importance of regular reception of the sacraments, daily prayer, Christian service, and all else that pertains to the preparation process, as well as to continued Catholic living after receiving the sacrament of Confirmation.
- ✠ Must lead a life in harmony with the Catholic faith and the role of being a sponsor, and not be bound by an official church (canonical) penalty.
- ✠ Must be over 16 years old, have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and not be the parents of the Confirmation candidate.
- ✠ Should keep the candidate accountable to their participation in, and formation through, the Confirmation preparation process. Sponsors should have a good working knowledge of, or the willingness to learn about, the candidate's readiness for reception of the sacrament of Confirmation.
- ✠ Are expected to be present at the Confirmation Mass. Holy Family Parish typically holds Confirmation on a Saturday during the Easter season, typically in late April or May. As soon as we receive the Confirmation Mass date from the Archdiocese of Boston, we communicate this to all in the Confirmation preparation process.

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