



Confirmation Name and Sponsor Information Sheet

(Return to your Catechist by **February 15, 2022**)

Student: _____
(First Name) (Last Name)

Name of Catechist/Teacher: _____

Confirmation Name (One Name only)

Student may choose the name of a Saint or use their own baptismal name

One of the traditional practices in the Church at the time of Confirmation is choosing a name that will remind you of this sacrament. Your prayerful reflection will help you determine that name. ***You might want to choose the name of a saint who represents the type of Christian you wish to be.*** You might want to recommit yourself to your baptismal name, especially after you have reflected on its meaning and discover some of the great people who shared your name in Christian history. After all, Confirmation is really the completion of your Baptism experience. Whether you decide to pick a new name or stay with your baptismal name, you will want to explore thoroughly the root meaning of the name, for as Scripture says, "Yahweh calls each of us by name."

Students are asked to write a brief statement on why they have chosen their Confirmation name. The personal statement should be two paragraphs in length, and include the following information:

- Paragraph 1 will include biographical information on the Saint/name selected;
- Paragraph 2 will present the candidate's reasoning for the name selected.

Personal Statement regarding selection of Confirmation Name

Please continue on reverse side with information regarding your selection of sponsor. Student and Parent signature is required to process Candidate's paperwork.

WHEN CHOOSING YOUR SPONSOR

The Church of St. Rose of Lima takes the role of the sponsor seriously. A sponsor serves as a guide, a friend and mentor, and support for you during this period of preparation for Confirmation. When you reflect on a person to be your sponsor, you should look for someone who will be a good listener, a guide and confidant; a person who is interested in not only your growth as a Christian, but willing to grow in faith with you along the way. The person should have an active faith life, perhaps being a relative, godparent, or mature friend of the family.



The role of *sponsor* is an important one for the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. The Church sees the *sponsor* as a fully-initiated Catholic who supports the one receiving the sacrament with example and instruction. Because of the seriousness of this ministry, the Church has the following requirements:

- The sponsor must be a fully-initiated member of the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
- The sponsor must be at least sixteen (16) years of age.
 - In this case, the Catholic who is younger than 16 must be fully initiated.
- The sponsor must have an active life of faith in the Church and provide good example.
 - Someone married outside the Church is not able to receive Communion and is not able to be a sponsor.
 - Also, a Catholic who has left the Church is not able to be a sponsor of a new member into the Church.
 - Therefore, a Catholic who has left the Catholic Church cannot be a sponsor and cannot be a “Christian witness” if they join another Christian communion.
- The sponsor **cannot** be either parent.

The role of the sponsor is an important one, therefore, the sponsor **IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE REHEARSAL AND THE CONFIRMATION LITURGY**. Dates for rehearsals and liturgy are announced approximately 4 months in advance, allowing the sponsor sufficient time to make arrangements for their attendance.

Sponsor Information: _____
(First Name) (Last Name)

Address: _____
Street Town, State Zip Code

Relationship to Student: _____
(i.e. grandparent, godparent, aunt, uncle, cousin, sibling, friend of family) **Date of Birth**
mm/dd/yyyy

Parish of your Sponsor: _____
Name of Church Town, State

Please write a brief statement of why you have chosen this person to be your sponsor:

Student Signature

Parent Signature

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO YOUR CATECHIST BY FEBRUARY 15, 2022.