

Confirmation Parent Contract

2024-2025

Please read and check that you understand and agree to the following Confirmation requirements:

- Parents hold the primary and most important role of passing on the faith to their children.** As such, it is the parents' responsibility, along with the Confirmation Minister's and Pastor's, to discern when they are ready for Confirmation. Activities beyond the Confirmation prep sessions may be assigned throughout the year.
- Parents must be **registered with the parish** and be able to log in to the database.
- Parents must submit / upload copies of all participating children's **Birth, Baptismal, and First Holy Communion Certificates** (where applicable) and a picture uploaded to the database before attendance will be counted.
- Participants are expected to **attend all of the scheduled sessions** to complete their Confirmation preparation. Make-up activities for a limited number of absences may be offered but are not guaranteed.
- Participants must be **actively engaged** during Confirmation prep sessions. Behaviors that are distracting, unruly, dismissive, rude, antagonistic, or otherwise negative will be considered indications that the participant is not properly disposed for Confirmation and will result in their dismissal until it is discerned that they are ready.
- Phones may not be used during the sessions. If phones are out, they will be confiscated. Phones will be released after class to the parent/ guardian ONLY.
- Mass participation** is a requirement of this program, and parents are to attend mass with them on all Sundays and other holy days of obligation. (Note parents will be expected to attend Mass at St. Joseph's during sacrament prep years. However, it is up to the parent which Mass is attended.)
- Participants will be required to attend **two retreats** (1 each preparation year). These can be at any parish but retreats at a different parish will require submission of proof of attendance.
- Participants must turn in a **Sponsor Form** and a **Saint Name Form** by January 1st, 2025. Sponsor requirements are laid out in the Parent Orientation Packet. *It is up to the parish of the sponsor to sign and seal the Sponsor Form.* St. Joseph's reserves the right to approve or deny a sponsor based on canonical requirements (such as that they be a Confirmed, practicing, and faithful Catholic and that, if married, is in a valid, sacramental marriage).
- Participants in their **Confirmation Year** (i.e., the year after their two-year preparation period) will be required to attend some activities, a discernment interview, and final Confirmation prep / practices in February 2025 prior to being scheduled for Confirmation.

Student(s)'s Full Name(s) _____

Grade(s): 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th

Printed Name of Parent _____

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____