



CONFIRMATION

INFORMATION

NEEDED

FOR THE

CELEBRATION

OF THE

SACRAMENT

OF

CONFIRMATION

2023-2024

List of Requirements & DUE DATES

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| 1. Copy of your Baptismal and First Communion Certificates if not at St. Junipero Serra Parish – | 9/10 |
| 2. Essay: Why I Want to be Confirmed – | 10/29 |
| 3. Sponsor's Name and Sponsor Affirmation – | 11/12 |
| 4. Confirmation Name and Saint Composition – | 12/10 |
| 5. Confirmation Service Part 1 Completed (5 hours)- | 11/12 |
| 6. Confirmation Service Completed (5 hours)- | 1/28 |
| 7. Confirmation Service Completed (5 hours)- | 3/24 |
| 8. Spirit Fire – | 9/17 |
| 9. Confirmation Retreat – | 4/21 |

New Service Sheet can be downloaded from webpage.

[Service hour form LINK](#)

A sample is found on the last page.

Why I Want to be Confirmed Essay

Please write an essay of 300 words or more explaining:

- What the sacrament of Confirmation means to you,
- Why you want to receive it,
- How you can see it having an impact on your life now and in the future.

Feel free to type in word processor (word, Google Docs) or legibly write your essay on the front and back side of this paper. PLEASE ADD NAME TO THE TOP.

Upload to google classroom by 10/29 and hand in hard copy to Sr. Karen by the same date.

WHO CAN BE A SPONSOR?

1. A person who is at least 16 years of age.
2. A person who is Catholic, confirmed and who has already received the Eucharist.
3. A person who leads a life in harmony with the faith including attending Mass on a regular basis.
4. A person who will later help the Confirmed to fulfill his/her Baptismal promises and Confirmation commitment.
5. A person who obtains a sponsor certificate from his/her parish or if from this parish, is approved by the pastor or signs the sponsor affirmation form.
6. A person who will be present for rehearsal and the ceremony.

NOTE:

1. To show the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation, it is encouraged but not necessary to have a Baptism godparent as the Confirmation sponsor.
2. Only one sponsor can be chosen.
3. The sponsor need not be the same sex as the Candidate.
4. A father, mother, or step-parent may not be the sponsor.

Sponsor Information & Your Sponsor's Affirmation Form

Candidate's Name: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Parish they belong to (Name): _____

Location of parish: _____

A Sponsor Affirmation form is to be downloaded from the Confirmation webpage, completed, and signed by the sponsor.

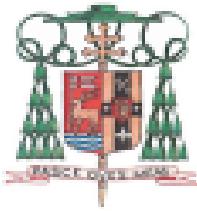
(Please scan these items after putting in google classrooms, hand in to Sr. Karen by 11/12 the latest.)

[Affirmation form LINK](#)



Sponsor
Affirmation Form.pdf

A Sample of this form follows on the next page:



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 §3). 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.

Approved by Presbyteral Council 1/11/08

Confirmation Name

Must be a Saint's or Blessed name (or variation of that name)

Candidate's Name: _____

Upload to Google Classroom by 12/10/23 and hand hard copy to Sr. Karen.

Paragraph 1(Intro)

Who is your Saint? (What is his or her name?)	When did he or she live?	Where did he or she live?
What is this Saint known for? What is your Saint the Patron Saint of?	What is an important story to know about your Saint?	

Paragraphs 3 & 4 (Body paragraphs)

How did YOU learn about this Saint? What stood out to you?	Find a quote from your Saint. Copy it here and explain why YOU liked it. If you can't find a quote, discuss something the Saint did that you admire.
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Paragraph 5 (Conclusion)

What have you learned about the life of this Saint that inspires you to be a Confirmed Catholic? How will this Saint protect you and guide you in your future?
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Confirmation Preparation at St. Junipero Serra

Confirmation Service Requirements

Along with *forming a deeper interior faith*, youth ministry in the Archdiocese of Hartford has the major goals of *integrating young Catholics into the ongoing life of the parish* and *guiding young Catholics toward actively following Jesus Christ*. The Confirmation Classes aim at the first goal, while the Confirmation Service Component aims at the second and third.

St. Junipero Serra Confirmation Candidates are required to volunteer for 10 hours 1st year and 15 hours 2nd year of community service. The two areas they may volunteer in involve the **Life of the Parish** and the **Corporal Works of Mercy**.

- A. ***Life of the Parish*** – Donut Sunday, Bingo, bulletins, Altar Server, Choir, Lector, Greeter, Usher, replace hymnals in pews, Bingo, decorate Church for holiday or wedding, serve at parish function, etc.
- B. ***Corporal Works of Mercy*** – Actively assist those suffering, outside Church walls.
 - a. Feed the hungry/give drink to the thirsty – St. Vincent de Paul or other food drives.
 - b. Shelter the homeless – go on parish trip to one of the homeless shelters, Habitat for Humanity.
 - c. Clothe the naked – Assist a winter clothing drive.
 - d. Visit the sick – helping seniors, spend time with someone homebound or in hospital.
 - e. Bury the dead – make and send a card to the family of a deceased person. Spend time with widow(er).
 - f. Visit the prisoners – probably wait until you're older for this one.

DUE DATES: There will be 3 deadlines at which time approximately 5 hours should be completed by each deadline and hard copies of form handed in and entered into Google Classroom [Form](#):

Part 1: 11/12 Part 2: 1/28 Part 3: 3/21

Below is the ACCEPTABLE list of service hour activities, ***all other activities require permission from Sr. Karen.***

- ✓ Communion Breakfasts
- ✓ St. Junipero Serra Children's Bible Camp – July-10-14
- ✓ Youth Group Setups and Cleanups
- ✓ Tootsie Roll Drive (with Knights of Columbus)
- ✓ Decorating the Church at Christmas
- ✓ Stations of the Cross (during Lent)

- ✓ Parish Golf Tournament
- ✓ Parish Summer Picnic – setup, work during, cleanup
- ✓ Family Bingo
- ✓ Helping set up before and clean up after Catechism Classes, and WPC and Sacramental Sessions
- ✓ Spring or Fall Parish Cleanup
- ✓ St. Vincent De Paul Collections (monthly)
- ✓ East Hartford Family Shelter and Hartford Immacare shelter events & Service
- ✓ Harbor Chase and Residence senior activities – i.e. Games, Dances, Greeting cards, Crafts
- ✓ Prepare food for shelters
- ✓ Make food baskets or blessing bags for Homeless or those with food insecurities
- ✓ Help or participate in the parish Easter Egg Hunt or Nativity Play
- ✓ Help at local foodbank, pantry, or soup kitchen (with adult)
- ✓ Help elderly neighbor with task (un-paid and NOT a family member)

Any service hours completed in the **summer before** Confirmation classes can be included.

Up to **7** hours of service done at school or scouts will be accepted as long as it is a work of mercy or helps the poor in some way.

Helping with the **Summer Vacation Bible School** generally takes more than 10 hours. These can be applied to either the first year, second year, or split between but cannot account for the total 25-hour service requirement. You would also need 1 Church (Mass event) ½ hour and 1 Work of Mercy service hour.

Note: All St. Junipero Serra sponsored events must have Virtus Certified adult(s) supervision.

*****If an activity takes place outside of the church or this list, please have it approved by Sister Karen beforehand.**

New Service Hour Form: Download



Service hour form NEW 23-24.pdf

