

CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

Sponsor Information

The role of a sponsor in the Sacrament of Confirmation is very important. While being a sponsor is an honor, it is important to choose a sponsor who is active in our Catholic faith, will be connected to you during the course of your life and will take the role seriously.

The Code of Canon Law of the Catholic Church notes the following requirements (Can. 874 §1.2°-1.4°, 892-893):

874 – §1. To be admitted to the role of sponsor, a person must:

2° have completed the sixteenth year, unless a different age has been established by the diocesan bishop or it seems to the pastor or minister that an exception is to be made for a just cause;

3° be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken;

4° not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;

892 – As far as possible a sponsor for the one to be confirmed should be present; it is for the sponsor to see that the confirmed person acts as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations connected with this sacrament.

893 – §1. To perform the role of sponsor, it is necessary that a person fulfill the conditions mentioned in can. 874.

§2. It is desirable that the one who undertook the role of sponsor at baptism be sponsor for confirmation.

- 1) Candidates may have only ONE sponsor unless both are the candidate's baptismal sponsors (godparents) and they continue to meet the requirements of the Church.
- 2) If married sponsors must be married in the Catholic Church. If unmarried, sponsors must be living a chaste life (unmarried persons living with someone of the opposite sex are not permitted to be sponsors).
- 3) The father or mother of the person to be confirmed may not be the sponsor.

A request must be made to the parish office where the potential sponsor is a registered parishioner. Your sponsor may contact their parish office to have the form signed.

Please have the Affidavit of Eligibility turned in before October 20, 2021

ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE
AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THE MINISTRY OF
BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

Name of Candidate

I, _____
(Please print complete name)

Swear to Almighty God that:

- I am a baptized member of the Catholic Church
- I am at least 16 years old.
- I have made my First Holy Communion and received the Sacrament of Confirmation. I am not married outside of the Catholic Church, nor am I cohabitating (living outside of marriage with someone).
- I normally attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, receive the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) at least once a year and go to Holy Communion at least once a year in the Easter Season.
- I understand and accept the responsibilities which I undertake as a sponsor for this person. I will assist his/her parents in their Christian duty and will help this person, by example, word, and action, to live as a faithful Christian in communion with, and according to, the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church.

Signature of Sponsor

Date

This person is a member of this parish and has sworn that they fulfill the canonical requirements to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation

Signature of Pastor / or Delegate

Date

Parish Name/Location

PARISH SEAL

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These are suggestions and basic guidelines. When in doubt please call the office.

15 community service hours are a requirement of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe for a high school candidate to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Here is a list of places that confirmation candidates can assist in that will count toward their requirements. If teens do not perform their chosen task to the satisfaction of their supervisor, their supervisor is under no obligation to sign off on their hours. You may not include any activities that provide you a benefit (e.g. a car wash to earn payment for a sports team).

COMMUNITY--15 hours required

- Volunteer at St. Felix's Food Pantry (505) 891-8075
- Volunteer at San Juan Diego Friary (505) 990-3001
- Tutor at a school
- Help a teacher
- Little League
- Special Olympics
- Cheerleading camp or sports camp for young students
- Visit a retirement community
- Help an elderly neighbor with yard work or housework

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"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.'" Matthew 25:35-40

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-15 of the 30 hours must be completed before December 15, 2021. The remaining 15 hours must be completed before March 30, 2022.

10 Church service hours are a requirement of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe for a high school candidate to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Here is a list of ministries that confirmation candidates can assist in that will count toward their requirements. If teens do not perform their chosen ministry to the satisfaction of their supervisor, their supervisor is under no obligation to sign off on their hours.

CHURCH--10 hours required

- Assisting in Religious Education classrooms
- Assisting in liturgical ministries, e.g., Altar Serving, Choir, Lectoring, & Greeting/Ushering
- Helping around the church with Knights of Columbus Projects, Donut Sunday, or Church Cleaning

Parish Ministry Contact List

MINISTRY	LEADER/CONTACT	EMAIL	CELL
Youth Ministry	Noel, Katie	katie@incarnation.church	(505) 771-8331
Altar Servers *	Bernal, Dcn. Louis	lbernal@cablone.net	
Knights of Columbus	Lepre, Joseph	gk15199@gmail.com	(505) 712-3738
Music *	Goddard, Lawrence	lawrence@incarnation.church	(505) 771-8331
Lectors *	Kate Maloney	jojodreamer@outlook.com	
Greeters * **	Melo, Frank	fjmcjm@gmail.com	
Donut Sunday	Contact Parish Office		(505) 771-8331
Church Cleaning	Contact Parish Office		(505) 771-8331

*training, practice, or rehearsal in these ministries does not count towards service hours.

**those who wish to be greeters must contact Lawrence a week in advance to get on the schedule._____

5 family service hours are a requirement of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe for a high school candidate to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Here is a list of suggestions that confirmation candidates can assist in that will count toward their requirements. You may not include any activities that provide you a benefit or one that you receive payment for completing.

FAMILY--5 hours required

- Any family chore or work project where you do not get paid for helping
- Organize a family night for a get-together
- Help your parents or grandparents with a project
- Make a pilgrimage to Chimayo or other places
- Babysit siblings

"I pray that you will understand the words of Jesus, 'Love one another as I have loved you.' Ask yourself 'How has he loved me? Do I really love others in the same way?' Unless this love is among us, we can kill ourselves with work and it will only be work, not love. Work without love is slavery." ~Blessed Mother Teresa

SERVICE FORM

"What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well', but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it?" James 2:14-16

The minimum of thirty (30) hours of Community Service must be completed by the given deadline.

15 Hours of Community

10 Hours of Church

5 Hours of Family

Community Service in each category must be from at least two different activities.

Candidate's Name _____

Service Type (e.g. family)	Activity (e.g. pulling weeds)	Hours (e.g. 2)	Date	Signature of Supervisor	Supervisor's Phone Number

LETTER TO ARCHBISHOP JOHN C. WESTER

Use 12 pt. Arial or Times New Roman font, single-spaced, double space between paragraphs, 1 inch margins. Please keep your letter to one typewritten page. The team will look the letter over, make suggestions, and return it to you for corrections if necessary. It is important that all letters be turned in on time. Do not send this letter yourself. The parish will send these letters together. The Archbishop will read all letters, **so write what's in red in your own words** and follow **these instructions**. The following is the appropriate format. Do not change the spacing. The text in black should be copied. Red and Blue text must not be copied. This must be turned in no later than February 2022

The Most Reverend John C. Wester
Archbishop of Santa Fe
The Catholic Center
4000 St. Joseph Place NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120

Your Excellency:

In preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, reflecting on my own life, my personal desire to be united to Christ and His Church more fully, and to be strengthened by the Gift of the Holy Spirit, I have come to a fuller understanding of myself, my relationship with God and the Communion of Saints, and my call to serve the Church and the world with the Gifts I intend to receive at Confirmation.

Knowing the importance of taking a Saint's name I have chosen... (tell what name you chose and why. Remember there is a twofold purpose in taking a new name. First, you will be taking an intercessor who will pray on your behalf, and for this reason, official patronages are important to mention. Second, it is important to take a saint as an example of how to incorporate virtues and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit into your daily life. You may wish to explain what virtues this saint possesses and how you can imitate these virtues in your own life.)

After prayerful discernment, I have chosen my sponsor. (tell the archbishop who you have chosen, what your relation to them is, and why you have chosen them. Remember, this person is meant to be as a parent to you for the rest of your life for the purpose of helping you grow into a well-formed, faithful Catholic. This person is to assist you in becoming a Saint.)

In growing in my faith, I have also grown in my appreciation for being Catholic and will use my time and talent to serve the Church. (Explain how you will use your talent and time to service your parish community.)

I respectfully ask with your permission and approval that I be admitted to the Sacrament of Confirmation for the completion of the graces begun in my Baptism.

It is in appreciation that I thank you for this privilege and promise to pray for you and our Church. (Or whatever you feel is appropriate)

Asking Your Excellency's blessing, I am, Yours respectfully in Christ,

<Your Signature>

<Your full name, e.g. John Q. Smith>