

Application for the Reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation

St. Joan of Arc Church
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Due by May 1, 2024

Candidate's Name: _____

Height (for Confirmation robe order): ____ feet ____ inches

**THIS PAPERWORK MUST BE HANDED IN COMPLETE
(INCLUDING *COMPLETE* DATES WHERE REQUIRED).**

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED.

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**Please be sure that the information filled out below is complete and accurate, as this information will be entered into our parish's permanent records. Please type or print clearly the information below.

Name of person to be confirmed (Confirmation candidate):

Date of Birth: _____

Confirmation Name: _____

(Confirmation name must be one name only, i.e. if you are choosing St. Thomas Aquinas, you should simply write "Thomas." You will note your saint's full name and an explanation of why you chose that saint on page 3.)**

Home Address:

(Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Record of Baptism

Date of Baptism: _____

Church of Baptism: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Godparents: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's First *and Maiden Name*: _____

Confirmation Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's Home Parish: _____

Full Address of Sponsor: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

*The baptismal certificates for the majority of our Confirmandi are on file in our office. If for some reason we do not have your child's baptismal certificate, we will contact you.***

Confirmation Name

At Confirmation it is customary that the candidates select a new name. The name chosen must be the name of a recognized *Saint* whose life has been an inspiration to you. This saint can serve as special model as you live as a follower of Jesus. If your baptismal name is that of a recognized saint, you may elect to use your baptismal name (which is your first name) since Confirmation affirms your baptismal commitment.

*****Please complete either part A or part B, depending on whether you are choosing a saint whose name is different from your baptismal name (A) or choosing a saint reflected in your baptismal name (B).***

A. I have chosen the name _____ after

Saint _____ whose feast day is celebrated on _____
(Date)

In paragraph form, state your reasons for choosing this saint's name. List three or four qualities of this saint that you admire and would like to imitate:

B. I have chosen my baptismal name, _____,

whose feast day is on _____
(Date)

I was called by this name because _____

Choosing Your Sponsor

A sponsor for Confirmation is a witness to the commitment a candidate makes to follow Jesus. The sponsor presents the candidate to the bishop and stands at their side during the anointing with chrism. Sponsors may be godparents or another qualified witness (the sponsor cannot be the parent of the candidate). They need to be available during the candidate's life, to help and to encourage them.

When you have chosen your sponsor, please give the form on the following page to him or her to complete. These forms should be sent to the Religious Education Office. They can be dropped off when you come to class or mailed. (Please see first page for mailing information.)

IMPORTANT:

- **We must receive the Confirmation Sponsor Certificate by May 1, 2024. If the certificate is not submitted by this date, we reserve the right to choose the sponsor for you.**

Please note that sponsor requirements are as follows:

- ❖ Must be at least 16 years of age, not the parent of the candidate, and must be registered in a parish.
- ❖ Must be committed to his or her Catholic faith and be baptized and confirmed in that faith. If married, the marriage must have taken place in a Catholic Church or be recognized by the Catholic Church as a valid marriage.
- ❖ Will be a model example of a committed and active Catholic and will be a support to the parents of the candidate in the practice of the faith.
- ❖ Must be a committed and active Catholic who attends Mass weekly and receives the Eucharist as often as possible and Penance as necessary.

Sponsor's Name _____

On a separate piece of paper, please answer the following questions.

What is the relationship of this person to you?

Why did you chose this person to be your sponsor?:

What Gifts of the Holy Spirit do you see in this person?:

How could you imitate your sponsor?:

How does your sponsor show love for others?

Confirmation Sponsor Certificate

**Please read 'A Special Note to Chosen Sponsors & Godparents' (on the following pages) before filling out and submitting the form here.*



*St. Joan of Arc
Office of Religious Education*

I, _____, a registered member of _____ Catholic Church, have been asked to stand as a sponsor for _____ as he/she receives the Sacrament of Confirmation.

In accepting this responsibility, I truthfully state the following:

1. If married, I was married in the Catholic Church.
2. I am at least 16 years of age.
3. I have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation in the Catholic Church.
4. I attend Mass regularly on the weekends and on holy days of obligation, and receive the Sacraments of the Church regularly.

I understand and accept the responsibility, which I undertake as a sponsor. I promise to be a support and example in his/her efforts to live a Catholic life that reflects the spirit and teaching of the Catholic Church. I am also prepared to assist the parents in their Christian duty by my support, encouragement and prayer.

Signature of Sponsor

Address of Sponsor

City, State and Zip Code

A Special Note to Chosen Sponsors & Godparents

Congratulations! Being chosen to serve as a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor is an honor and privilege. We urge you to take this opportunity to enrich your own faith! Please know that we at the Church of St. Joan of Arc in Marlton, New Jersey, are happy to accompany you as you accept this responsibility.

Godparents and Sponsors are, first and foremost, disciples of Jesus Christ! Your role is to share your Christian faith with the person whom you are now Godparenting/Sponsoring.

Godparents/Sponsors are active members of the Catholic Church.

We encourage you belong to a local parish community. As an active Catholic and disciple of Christ, it is important to take seriously one's spiritual life by reading the Word of God, participating in Sunday Mass, celebrating the Eucharist and other Sacraments, fostering your personal prayer life and caring for those in need.

Godparents/Sponsors represent the Church and are role models of Christian discipleship.

Because the Church wants mature, active Catholics to serve in this capacity, Godparents/Sponsors should be at least 16 years of age and fully initiated in the Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. They should also strive to live in harmony with Church teachings. If you have been away from the Church or an active life of faith, this is a wonderful opportunity to renew your relationship with Jesus Christ and involvement in the Church.

We here at St. Joan of Arc would very much like to assist you so that you may in turn guide and help the special person who will soon call you his or her Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor. See the other side of this page for ways we can help.

What to do ...

... if you are not registered in a parish ...

In most parishes, registration is a simple process. A phone call, a visit to the parish office or website will explain how to do it. In many cases, like here at St. Joan of Arc, you can register in person in the office or online or request a registration form be mailed to you. If you do not know of a local parish, give us a call here and we will gladly assist you. We are located at 100 Willow Bend Road, Marlton, NJ 08053; 856.983.0077; www.stjoans.org

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... if you are not Confirmed ...

This is an excellent time to take this next step in your journey with Christ. Like St. Joan of Arc, every parish has a wonderful process to enable adults to celebrate Confirmation. Call our parish, or your own, and speak with a priest or pastoral staff member. If you are unsure of how to go about this, please give us a call. We will be happy to direct you.

... you are not married in the Catholic Church?

We encourage you to give your marriage the beautiful gift of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony! If you are married civilly or in another faith tradition, call Fr. Rich or Fr. John Michael in order to discuss how we can work toward blessing your marriage sacramentally in the Church. This may be an easier process than you imagine or have been told. Please call us for the accurate information!

... you have questions about your faith or about God or about Catholic Church teachings?

Without any judging, we welcome the opportunity to discuss with you these important life and faith issues. Don't put it off. Give us a call whether you are part of this parish or not.

The Church of St. Joan of Arc

God's Love Knows No Boundaries and Neither Do We

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