

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

****Please note – Parents cannot be sponsors for their children****

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

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