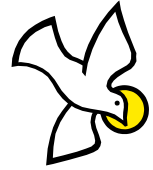


Students: give this to your Sponsor by March 12, 2021

**St. Thomas More Church
Confirmation Sponsor's Covenant**



I, _____, a fully initiated Roman Catholic
(please PRINT sponsor's name- no nicknames!)
make the following agreement:

I will pray regularly for my candidate and pray with my candidate.

I will visit with my candidate as a spiritual witness, guide, and companion on a
monthly basis, May – October.

I will continue to serve as a faithful role model to my candidate after Confirmation.

I agree to sponsor _____ (candidate name) for the
sacrament of Confirmation.

I plan on attending the sponsor meeting on: (check one)

- _____ 10:00 am on Sunday, April 11 at St. Thomas More
- _____ I can attend at 10:00 am on Zoom, please send a link
- _____ 6:00 pm on Sunday, April 11 at St. Thomas More
- _____ I can attend at 6:00 pm on Zoom, please send a link
- _____ Sorry, I am unable to attend. Please send materials & the Zoom recording.

Sponsor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sponsor's Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Sponsor's Catholic Parish: _____

Parish Address: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

Sponsors: Return by April 1, 2021 to:

Rachel Mark, St. Thomas More Church, 1700 8th St. South, Brookings, SD 57006

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE

Name of person to be *Confirmed* _____ (Confirmation candidate)

Name & Relationship of Confirmation Sponsor: _____

Please, read the following requirements carefully: these are dictated by the Law of the Church (Canon Law) and cannot be waived by the Pastor.

From the Code of Canon Law:

Sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and/or Confirmation must be Catholics who have been Confirmed and have already received the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and who lead a life in harmony with the Catholic Faith and the responsibilities required of a Sponsor/Godparent. (C. 874 & 893)

I Hereby Affirm that I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that I am faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

I Hereby Affirm that I practice my Catholic Faith by regularly attending the celebration of the Mass every Sunday, and I am eligible to receive Holy Communion. I follow Catholic moral teaching in my habits, actions and choices.

If Married my marriage has been celebrated in the Catholic Church.

If Not Married I am not living with anyone in an intimate relationship.

If I Have Children I am educating my children in the Catholic Church.

I Affirm that I am a registered member of _____ Catholic Parish, located at _____ and I participate in the life of my parish to the best of my abilities.

I Affirm that I have received the Sacrament of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

I Do therefore solemnly swear that I meet all the above requirements, which are necessary to act as a sponsor and/or godparent, so help me God.

(Sponsor's signature)

(Sponsor's Name – PLEASE PRINT)

(Date)

(Signature of Sponsor's Pastor)

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(Students: give this to your sponsor by March 12, 2021)

YOUR ROLE AS A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

** more details will be provided at the sponsor meeting & in your sponsor packet

If you have been asked to be a Confirmation sponsor, *Congratulations!* This person recognizes that you have a profound commitment to your faith, finds you trustworthy, and that you are someone who will care about them and their faith.

The criteria the students use for selecting a sponsor includes: someone who is a practicing, faith-filled, adult Catholic; someone who is able to relate to a teenager; someone the candidate is comfortable with; someone who is able to share their own faith experiences; someone who is a good listener and can be a friend for the faith journey that the candidate will be undertaking in the coming months. As you see, the sponsor is more than someone they want to honor or flatter. This is a serious decision on their part, and the sponsor plays a very important role in their preparation.

Before agreeing to be a sponsor, please understand your responsibilities:

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| April 1 | Return Sponsor Covenant and Sponsor Eligibility Certificate to Rachel Mark |
| April 11 | Attend one meeting to learn about our program
10 am OR 6:00 pm meeting at St. Thomas More.
Sponsors only attend this meeting, not Confirmation candidates.
(Zoom online meeting is an option.) |
| May-October 2021 | Make monthly contact with the Candidate by phone, mail, online video conference or in person (Topics for your meetings will be provided at Sponsor meeting.) |
| October 2021 | Be present at the Sacrament of Confirmation Liturgy (St. Thomas More Confirmation at is generally held on a Sunday afternoon in October. We do not have a specific date yet, as the Bishop's schedule typically is set in May or June for the following academic year.) |

Questions or Concerns?

Please feel free to call me at 605-692-8309 or email me at: stmbrookingsyouth@gmail.com
Rachel Mark, M.Div, Confirmation Director

**Sponsors: Keep this sheet for your information.
You will receive a Sponsor's packet in April at the Sponsor meeting
with further instruction.**