



St. Patrick of Heatherdowns  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Confirmation Sponsor,

Congratulations on being chosen as a special mentor to a young person who is preparing to be confirmed in the Catholic Church. As a sponsor, it is important to keep in close contact with your candidate during this formation period. This time together will allow you to share your faith, knowledge and experience of being a Catholic Christian.

To help you with the process of being a Confirmation Sponsor, I am holding an informational meeting on **Wednesday November 8, 2023 from 6:30-7:00 PM** in the Emmaus Room of the Parish.

As a Confirmation sponsor, you do have specific functions. The Church describes them as:

- Developing a faith relationship with the candidate and helping them to grow in their faith.
- Accompanying the candidate, if possible to special liturgies and meetings.
- Standing with the candidate at the Confirmation ceremony and presenting the candidate to the bishop and community.
- Helping the candidate to live as a follower of Jesus.

To specifically fulfill the above functions, as well as assist us with the clerical components of the Sacrament, we ask that you complete the following:

- Complete the Sponsor's Pledge form and request a Letter of good standing from your parish. This is due on October 16, 2023.
- Pray regularly for your candidate. I have included some prayers to help you with this!
- Meet a minimum of two times during Advent to explore a gospel passage and discuss some provided questions. You can meet online or discuss on the phone if distance is an issue.
- Engage in at least two service activities with your candidate. The parish provides service events the 2nd Saturday of each month October through March. At least one service activity should be through the parish. Registration links are sent at least a week in advance.
- Attend Mass, when possible, with your candidate.
- Write a letter of recommendation on behalf of your candidate. The letter is due March 15, 2024. You will receive more information on what to include in your letter.
- Attend the Confirmation Liturgy on April 13, 2024 (10:00 AM) at Rosary Cathedral.

I welcome you to the St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Confirmation program. I pray that your role of sponsor will be an enriching one. If I can be of assistance at any time throughout the process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

God bless you,  
Mrs. Rachael Hunyor, MA  
Director of Faith Formation