

# Confirmation Materials

**St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church  
Confirmation and First Eucharist  
Sponsor Information**

The Diocesan Policy for Confirmation Sponsors states:

**Policy 1.4: SPONSORS**

Every candidate should have a Confirmation sponsor. Candidates may have more than one sponsor, however, only one should be designated as the liturgical sponsor who presents the candidate for confirmation. It is desirable that baptismal godparents, as extensions of the spiritual family, continue this role at Confirmation. Sponsors should be actively involved in the child's life of faith- before, during, and after Confirmation.

**QUALIFICATIONS OF A SPONSOR**

Must be at least sixteen years old; May not be natural or adoptive parents of the confirmand; must be fully initiated into the Catholic Faith (**Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist**); must be leading a life in harmony with the Faith; must be free of any canonical impediment. RC 5-6; Canon 874, 892-893; CCC 1311; RCIA 10.2

The policy provides the following guidelines:

- 1.) Sponsors should be faithful Catholics who walk with the candidate as witness and guide. Ideally they should be the candidate's godparent. This practice supports the connection between Baptism and Confirmation. They should display maturity for this role and willingness to witness faith to the candidate.
- 2.) It is recommended that someone nearby be chosen as the sponsor. Sponsors are to support their candidate during the preparation process through prayer, words of encouragement and attendance when required and are to present the candidates to the bishop for anointing.

**Please when you and your child are considering their Confirmation Sponsor; take into consideration the above mentioned policies. When you have chosen a Sponsor have him or her completely fill out the Sponsor Information Form. This form has to be turned the day of Registration, before, or at a given deadline.**

Child Name 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Child Name 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Sacrament/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope# \_\_\_\_\_

Sacrament/s: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE TO TURN IN ALL SPONSOR DOCUMENTS IS THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14.**

According to the teachings of the Catholic Church and Diocesan Policies, in order to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation the sponsor must be "spiritually fit to take on this responsibility" and have these qualities:

- a. Must be at least sixteen years old
- b. May not be natural or adoptive parents of the child being baptized
- c. Must be fully initiated into the Catholic Faith (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)
- d. Must be leading a life in harmony with the Faith
  - i. If married, marriage must be validated by the Catholic Church
  - ii. If unmarried, divorced, or separated, must not be cohabitating
- e. Must be free of any canonical impediment. *Catechism of the Catholic Church 1311*
- f. Please provide copies of your Baptismal, Eucharist, Confirmation & Marriage (if applies) certificates with this form.

**Documents Needed from Sponsor:**

Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope # if registered at SJA \_\_\_\_\_

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**If Not Married:**

- Sponsor Information Form \_\_\_\_
- Copy of Baptism Certificate \_\_\_\_
- Copy of First Eucharist Certificate \_\_\_\_
- Copy of Confirmation Certificate \_\_\_\_
- Letter of Permission & Good Standing from Sponsor's Parish \_\_\_\_

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- Copy of Confirmation Certificate \_\_\_\_
- Copy of Church Marriage Certificate \_\_\_\_
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SPONSOR INFORMATION FORM

Name of Candidate being sponsored \_\_\_\_\_

GODPARENT PERSONAL INFORMATION (please print): (To be completed by Sponsor)

Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.

First Middle Last

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street City, State Zip

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Native Language \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to the recipient of the sacraments \_\_\_\_\_

Marital status: Single Married Divorced Separated Cohabiting

- \*If divorced or separated, were you granted an annulment through the Church? Yes / No
\*Have you since remarried? Yes / No
\*Do you currently live in an intimate relationship with a person not your spouse? Yes / No
\*Are you a practicing Catholic? Do you regularly attend Mass and contribute to your parish? Yes / No
\*Are you a registered parishioner at St. Joan of Arc? If yes please provide Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_ Yes / No
If no, at which parish are you registered? \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE HAVE YOUR PARISH SEND NOTICE OF VERIFICATION TO ST. JOAN OF ARC (3801 E. GREENWAY RD., PHOENIX, AZ 85032)

SACRAMENTS you have already received:

BAPTISM Yes / No CONFIRMATION Yes / No
Where? \_\_\_\_\_ When (est.)? \_\_\_\_\_
Where? \_\_\_\_\_ When (est.)? \_\_\_\_\_
FIRST CONFESSION Yes / No MARRIAGE
Where? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_
FIRST EUCHARIST Yes / No
Where? \_\_\_\_\_ When (est.)? \_\_\_\_\_
In the Catholic Church? Yes / No

Why do you wish to act as this person's Godparent? What do you see your role as Godparent is? Please use another sheet of paper if needed.

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By signing below, I certify that the above statements are true, correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also certify that to the best of my understanding I meet the ecclesial requirements to be a sponsor in the Roman Catholic Church. I grant permission to St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church to obtain verification of the above statements.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# St. Joan of Arc Confirmation Service Hours Requirement

Extraordinary Jubilee



Holy Year of Mercy

*"Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me"* (Mat. 25:34-36)

## Confirmation Service Hours Policy & Guidelines

The Diocesan policy on Confirmation strongly encourages that a service component be included in the formation process for each child approaching the sacrament.

*"Service is encouraged to be a part of the preparation experience as it is a visible sign of lifelong faith. Candidates should serve in ways meaningful to them that enable them to use their talents and abilities. Parents are to guide and nurture their candidate into a vision of lifelong service following the example of Christ"* (Policy 4-1.2.24)

As part of the sacramental preparation process at St. Joan of Arc, it is required that your child complete at least **16 Service Hours** if they are between 7-11 years old. If they are **12 years or older** they are to complete **24 Service Hours** before approaching the Sacrament of Confirmation.

While some candidates may view these requirements as a penance, our hope is that, with family support, they may gain a keener awareness of the needs of others, as well as a more profound sense of Christ's own self-identification with the poor, suffering, and disenfranchised members of our community.

- Candidate should, together with their family, choose what type of service to undertake.
- Candidates should consider how they can use their "talents & abilities" to serve others.
- As much as possible the service should be performed as a family
- Candidates may **NOT** count hours they have completed for their regular school service requirements or other groups they belong to towards their Confirmation Service Component.

*The service in which your candidate participates should be a family decision. Please give it prayerful consideration to where you want to complete your service hours.*

### Sample Places for Service

1. Andre House 12+
2. St. Mary's Food Bank
3. St. Vincent de Paul
4. SJA-Fish Fry 12+
5. Senior Homes
6. Crisis Nursery
7. Maggie's Place
8. Hearts and Hands
9. Christian Attic
10. SJA choir

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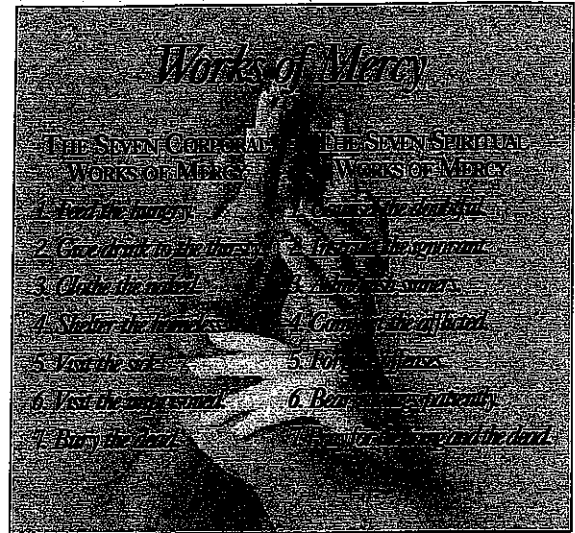
## Service Proposal for Confirmation

**Due Date:**

**First Week of October**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Please describe where you will be performing your Service Hours. Also please explain why you chose this place and what you hope to learn.**

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**Candidate's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Confirmation Service Hour Reflection

**Due Date: Last week of April**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place/s where candidate performed Christian Service Hours:**

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**Describe in detail:**

**How did you first feel when you started this service and how do you feel now?**

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**How has doing this service affected your understanding of our faith and compassion for others?**

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**Candidate's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

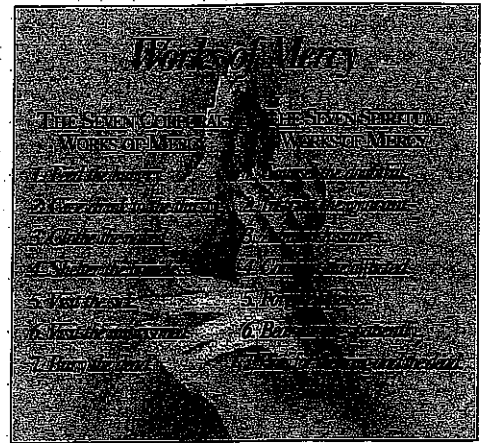
**Parent or Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_



# Service Hour Poster Project

## Due Date: Last week of April

As you are serving take pictures or have someone take pictures to capture key moments of your service. As the deadline approaches, start creating a poster board that shows how you helped those in need.



**Guidelines:** Be creative with your poster board: add pictures, words, the names of the places or place that you served, what you learned, and the works of mercy you performed. Give it the time it deserves and honor the people that you were able to serve this year.

- The poster can be small or medium sized (no large posters). If you are having trouble finding the materials please let the office know. (You may also create a power point and email it to [crodriguez@stjoanofarc.com](mailto:crodriguez@stjoanofarc.com) but follow the guidelines above.)
- **Parents:** make sure that you are helping the candidates to document their service time.
- Below you will find a sheet to help you keep track of the hours.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Place of Service	Time In	Time Out	Total Hours	Supervisor Signature	Supervisor Phone



## Choosing a Confirmation Name

Choosing a new name for Confirmation is an ancient and honorable tradition. Taking a new name can be symbolic of a new stage in life. Many of your parents probably participated in this tradition when they were confirmed. It follows in the scriptural tradition of the famous phrase, "I have called you by name (Isaiah 45: 3-4)." In the Hebrew Scriptures, Abram became Abraham, and Jacob became Israel. In the New Testament the tradition continued when Simon was renamed Peter by Jesus (Matthew 16:17), and Saul called Paul (Acts 13:9) by the early Christian community.

Since Vatican II, however, this is no longer a mandatory practice of the Rite of Confirmation. The Church now invites Candidates to reclaim the name they received at Baptism. This follows since Confirmation is, as taught, the fullness of the Sacrament of Baptism. In fact, the Diocese of Phoenix states the following:

*"A Confirmation candidate is strongly encouraged to be confirmed under his or her baptism name (if a biblical, beatified or canonized figure), or in accordance to the past custom of the Church, select the name of a biblical, beatified, or canonized person as recognized by the Church. If candidates decide to select a name, they should be familiar with the life of the person for their choice and the ways in which this person was a witness to Christ and demonstrated discipleship."*

If you do decide to adopt a new name for yourself, please use the following criterion in your judgment:

1. Do research on the history of your name and any other names you might be considering. Is there someone you were named after? Is there a family history to your name? Are you named after a saint? Pray and let the Holy Spirit guide your research.
2. Choose a name that reflects a virtue or value you wish to aspire to. This may be reflected in the person who has that name (it may be a saint or a relative).
3. If you are choosing a saint, research that saint's life well. Use books and the on-line Resources below. Come to know that saint as if s/he were an old friend.
4. Once you have made a choice, please write a one-page report using the form on the reverse of this page.

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Confirmation Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Web Sites Where You Can Find More Information on Saints

American Catholic.org

<http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/byname.aspx?>

Catholic OnLine

<http://www.catholic.org/saints/>

Catholic Forum Patron Saints Index

<http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/indexsnt.htm>

Vatican Web Site, Saints Index

[http://www.vatican.va/news\\_services/liturgy/saints/index\\_saints\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/news_services/liturgy/saints/index_saints_en.html)

## Confirmation Name Report

The Lord, in his great love and generosity, has risen up many inspiring men and women in the Church over the past two-thousand years, who have taught us much about how to live holy lives in imitation of Jesus Christ. The name of the saint, beatified person or biblical figure I chose as my Confirmation name is \_\_\_\_\_.

My saint, beatified person or biblical figure lived and died...

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My saint, beatified or biblical figure's family life and living situation while growing up was...

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My saint, beatified or biblical figure's relationship with God throughout his/her life was...

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A few significant things happened in the life of my saint, beatified or biblical figure. For example...

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My saint, beatified or biblical figure exhibited many wonderful virtues while living. Some examples of those virtues are as follows:

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In conclusion, I feel attracted to this particular saint, beatified or biblical figure because...

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