

Saint Andrew the Apostle RC Church
Religious Education/RCIA Program
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2017-2018 RCIA Catechumen Information Sheet

Catechumen
Name

DOB: _____

Address _____

Telephone/
Mobile _____

Email _____

Church of Baptism/Addr. _____

(If baptized, please submit a copy of your Baptism Certificate)

Sponsor Name

(Confirmation Sponsor Form required from current Church you are attending)

Relationship to
Participant _____

Address _____

Telephone/Mobile _____

Email _____

Parents' Full Name(s) _____

Please check the sacraments you would like to receive and return to the address above by August 18, 2017 (A \$50.00 fee is required to accompany this form-Please make your check out to St. Andrew the Apostle Parish):

Baptism _____

The Eucharist _____

Confirmation _____

My Confirmation NAME: _____

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June 12, 2017

Dear Confirmation Candidates,

Candidates for Confirmation are required to select a sponsor to journey with them during this preparation time. Your choice of a sponsor should be made with the support and guidance of your parents. Please note the following diocesan guidelines when making your decision:

1. The person chosen must be a practicing Catholic, at least sixteen years old, who has himself/herself, received the Sacrament of Confirmation. A practicing Catholic is a person who attends Mass and receives the Sacraments regularly, and who lives according to the teachings of the Church.
2. Ideally, one of your baptismal godparents would be the appropriate choice.

From the Code of Canon Law:

Canon #892 "As far as possible a sponsor for the one to be confirmed should be present; it is for the sponsor to see that the confirmed person acts as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations connected with this sacrament."

Canon #893 "To perform the role of sponsor, it is necessary that a person fulfill the conditions mentioned in Canon #874. It is desirable that the one who undertook the role of sponsor at baptism be sponsor for confirmation."

Canon #874 "To be admitted to the role of sponsor, a person must have the qualifications and intention of performing this role; be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken; not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared; not be the father or the mother of the one to be confirmed. These three statements emphasize the unity of the two Sacraments. Having one of our godparents as a sponsor helps to see how Baptism and Confirmation are connected.

3. If the baptismal godparent is not available, you may choose a relative, friend or someone from your parish as your sponsor. The person chosen does not have to be the same sex as the candidate, but they may not be a parent of the candidate.
4. The sponsor should live somewhat near to the candidate so an ongoing relationship can develop. This person should be a guide for you and share the story of faith with you. Your sponsor will be asked to be present at the RCIA Rehearsal, Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 6:30 PM and the Holy Saturday Liturgy, Saturday, March 31, 2017 at 8:00 PM (please be in the Church by 7:30 PM).

After you have made your decision, kindly give the attached letter and form to the person you have chosen. The forms are to be completed by your sponsor and **signed and raised sealed by his/her parish priest.** Your sponsor may mail them directly to the Religious Education Office. All sponsor forms are to be returned on or before Friday, March 2, 2017.

Sincerely,

Deacon Rich

Deacon Richard J. Goglia
Director of Religious Education

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Dear Sponsor for Confirmation,

Congratulations on being asked to be the sponsor of one of our RCIA Confirmation Candidates. This individual sees in you a profound faith commitment, finds trust and knows you are someone who will care about them and their faith. As a sponsor, you are asked to be a friend to the one to be confirmed; to “be there” when needed, as one who can be trusted and in whom the candidate can confide.

As individual’s decide to be confirmed, they need spiritual strength. Your prayers for them are important, but don’t forget to pray for yourself also, that you can share with them why you value and practice your Catholicism. Give of your time and share your gifts. Take time to celebrate Eucharist together, for it is after all, the source and summit of our faith lives. We ask that you, if possible, try to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation together with the candidate.

Your presence will be required at the Confirmation Rehearsal, Thursday, March 22, 2017 at 6:30 PM and the Holy Saturday Liturgy, Saturday, March 31, 2017 at 8:00 PM (please be in Church by 7:30 PM).

If you are willing to accept this honor and responsibility, please complete the attached form, have it ***signed and sealed by you parish priest, and return it to the address below on or before Friday, March 2, 2017.***

Sincerely,

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