

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
Beeville, Texas

Book of Commitment



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Please Print Your Name

Confirmation Covenant

Dear God and Father,

I thank You and praise You, for You have given me life, and supported by those who have loved me, You have welcomed me into Your people, the Church, through the waters of Baptism.

Now I prepare to seal my life in Your family through the sacrament of Confirmation, and I therefore promise to accept and fulfill the following responsibilities of Catholic Christian life:

I believe that one of the most important signs of who and what we are as a Catholic Christian people is our prayer, and so, I promise to make some time each day to speak and listen to You. I promise as well to join the people of our parish in the celebration of Mass each Sunday.

I believe that it is very important for me as a Catholic Christian person to know about my faith, and so, I promise to study my faith through the Faith Formation/ Youth Ministry Program as well as at home with my family. I promise also to be prepared to answer questions about my beliefs to show that I have taken my commitment seriously.

I believe that being a Catholic Christian means that I should always be willing to serve other people, and so, I promise to look for ways to do that as I take a more active role in the life of the Church. I promise to remember that I am called to be a voice for the voiceless and to help others with an open heart.

I understand all these things are ways which will show that I am ready to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation, and so, I promise to live up to these responsibilities by working with my parish community. I promise to do all these things for You, Father, and for all the members of my family, the Church.

Date

Candidate's Signature

Parent's Promise:

As a member of the Church, I promise to support my child in this time of preparation. I will work to be a good example to by attending Sunday Mass, by committing to prayer at home, and by supporting our parish and community. I know that as my child's primary catechist it is important to show my desire to live, learn and share the Good News in all aspects of my day.

Parent's Signature

Sponsor Information

Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's Parish:
Name of Church _____

City / State _____

Sponsor Statement

I hereby attest that I am committed to my Roman Catholic Faith; that I am baptized and confirmed in it; and that I meet the fundamental obligations as a Catholic by participating in Sunday Mass, by receiving the Eucharist often and Penance when necessary, by being open to the Word of God as revealed in Scripture and taught by the Church, by witnessing to the values of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and by seeking to be of service to others for the love of Him. I recognize that in accepting the role of sacramental sponsor, I become responsible to give good example to the Candidate as a committed and active Catholic and to be support to his/her parents in the practice of mutual faith.

Signature of Sponsor _____

About My Sponsor

A sponsor is a responsible person, a companion on your journey of Confirmation preparation. Your sponsor is a special kind of friend, one who shares with you his or her own faith, knowledge, and experience of being a Christian.

Describe the qualities of your special friend, the person you have chosen as a person committed to traveling on the way of Christ.

Attach the letter you receive from your sponsor telling you what his/her faith means to him/her to this page.

The Confirmation student is to write a letter to the sponsor telling of his/her commitment toward Confirmation and asking for prayers, guidance, and help. The Confirmand also asks the sponsor to answer by making a brief statement on what the church means to him/her.

Sponsors are asked to write a letter to the Confirmand. The letter is to be a personal faith witness answering the question: ***“What does my faith mean to me?”***



“Whoever has heart full of love, always has something to share.”
-- Pope John XXIII

Attach a copy of the Candidate's Baptismal Certificate to this page.

If your child was Baptized at St. Joseph Catholic Church, ***simply write the date of Baptism on the following line.*** No certificate is needed - our office will verify information to Baptismal Register.

My child was Baptized at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Beeville, TX on:

Month: _____ Day: _____ Year: _____

Please note:

1. We cannot confirm any candidate if we do not have a copy of his/her Baptismal Certificate.
2. Space and office help does not make it feasible for us to keep on file Baptismal Certificates from First Holy Communion. Even if the candidate made his/her First Holy Communion at St. Joseph, we need to have you present a copy of his/her Baptismal Certificate with a raised seal again.
3. If Baptismal Certificates are in a foreign language, please attach a translation.
4. If there is any change to child's legal name or parent change through adoption, please attach copy of official court document. Information must be changed in the Baptismal Register and a copy of the legal document is required in order for parishes to make these changes.



Candidate Information Sheet

(Please print all information on this sheet.)

Name, as you want it printed on your Confirmation Certificate:

First Middle Confirmation Last

Name of Person to be Confirmed: (Baptismal Name)

First Middle Last

The name you have chosen for Confirmation: Age at time of Confirmation:

Township of Residence: _____

Record of Baptism of Person to be Confirmed:

Church of Baptism: _____

City / State: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

Parents' Names: (Conforms to information on Baptismal Certificate)

Father: (Legal Name) _____

Mother: (Include Maiden Name) _____

Name of your sponsor for Confirmation: _____

Home Parish of your sponsor: _____

City / State: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

All above information is complete and correct.

Office Use:

Baptismal Certificate Verified: _____ Sponsor Eligibility Verified: _____

Date of Confirmation: _____ Presider: _____

Template Letter for the Sacrament of Confirmation Petition

***Your Name
Address
City/State/Zip
Telephone #***

Date

Dear Bishop Michael Mulvey,

I, ***(Your name)***, a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Beeville, TX, ask you to confirm me as a member of the Roman Catholic Church. I ask this of you of my own free will.

I would like to receive the sacrament of confirmation because ***(Why do you want to be confirmed?)***. My preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation has been ***(What have you done; what events have you attended and who have you talked to prepare for Confirmation?)***. As a part of my preparation I performed acts of service to others, such as ***(Tell the bishop about your service projects.)***.

I have chosen ***(Sponsor's name)*** to present me to you on this day of my confirmation and to witness to my commitment. I made that choice because ***(Why did you chose this person to be your sponsor?)***.

You will seal my commitment to Jesus and his church by anointing me with oil and by calling me by name. The name I wish to be called is ***(Patron Saint chosen)***. I have chosen this name because ***(What was it about this saint that impelled you to chose her/ him?)***.

I understand that the gifts of the Holy Spirit will help me build up the Church. I wish to share in the building of the Church by ***(Give real, concrete, honest ways that you will continue to be active in the Church.)***.

Sincerely,

Parent Verification of Book of Commitment Completion

Please verify that all required paperwork is complete prior to presenting **Book of Commitment**.

Due to the many details involved in the documentation and preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, a **late fee of \$25.00** is charged for **Books of Commitment** handed in after the due date, and those that are incomplete when presented.

Parents are asked to review that all documentation is included, attached to proper pages, and that Confirmands present books on the designated date.

- _____ Complete Student Workbook
- _____ Confirmation Covenant
- _____ Service Hour Log
- _____ Saint Research
- _____ "About My Sponsor"
- _____ Letter from Sponsor to the Confirmand
- _____ Baptismal Certificate
- _____ Information Sheet
- _____ Bishop's Letter

*I have reviewed my child's **Book of Commitment** for completeness, and will oversee that it is presented by the end of the seventh grade year.*

Parent's Signature

Date