



CONFIRMATION

INFORMATION

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FOR THE

CELEBRATION

OF THE

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OF

CONFIRMATION

2025-2026

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List of Requirements & DUE DATES

1. Copy of your Baptismal and First Communion Certificates if not at St. Junipero Serra Parish – 10/5
2. Confirmation Retreat - Spirit Fire – 11/2
3. Confirmation Service Part 1 Completed (4 hours)-11/16
4. Sponsor's Name and Sponsor Affirmation – 12/7
5. Confirmation Service Completed (3 hours)-1/25
6. Confirmation Service Completed (3 hours)-3/15

New Service Sheet can be downloaded from webpage. A sample is found on the last page.

<https://www.saintjuniperoserra.org/confirmation/>

WHO CAN BE A SPONSOR?

1. A person who is at least 16 years of age.
2. A person who is Catholic, confirmed and who has already received the Eucharist.
3. A person who leads a life in harmony with the faith including attending Mass on a regular basis.
4. A person who will later help the Confirmed to fulfill his/her Baptismal promises and Confirmation commitment.
5. A person who if from this parish, is approved by the pastor or signs the sponsor affirmation form.
6. A person who will be present for rehearsal and the ceremony.

NOTE:

1. To show the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation, it is encouraged but not necessary to have a Baptism godparent as the Confirmation sponsor.
2. Only one sponsor can be chosen.
3. The sponsor need not be the same sex as the Candidate.
4. A father, mother, or step-parent may not be the sponsor.

Sponsor Affirmation Form

A Sponsor Affirmation form is to be downloaded from the Confirmation webpage, completed and signed by the sponsor. Please scan or take a photo of this and put in google classrooms by 12/7 before handing in the hard copy to Sr. Karen.

A Sample of this form follows on the next page.

<https://www.saintjuniperoserra.org/confirmation/>

Cut here, fill out information below and hand to Sr. Karen by **12/15** after taking a photo and putting it on the google classroom page.

Sponsor's Name

Candidate's Name _____

Sponsor's Name _____



ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

BAPTISM AND/OR CONFIRMATION
GODPARENT/SPONSOR AFFIRMATION

I. Some Basic Church Norms Concerning Godparents/Sponsors

It is the very ancient custom of the Church that at the celebration of the sacrament of baptism or confirmation, a godparent/sponsor is present. The function of the godparent/sponsor is; A) together with the celebrant who baptizes or confirms, to represent the Church in receiving the person into the communion of the Church; and B) to support the person in living the Catholic Christian life.

In accord with **Canon 874 of the Code of Canon Law**, the Church can admit a person to the role of godparent/sponsor if; A) he or she is more than sixteen years of age; B) is a baptized Catholic who has been Confirmed and has already received the Blessed Eucharist and lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken; and C) is neither the father or the mother of the person.

Given the functions and role a godparent/sponsor exercises, a non-Catholic Christian cannot be admitted as a godparent/sponsor; however, he or she can serve as a Christian witness (c. 874 §2). A person baptized as a Catholic who is now sacramentally or canonically ineligible to serve as a godparent may not serve as a Christian witness. These include those who subsequently renounced the faith in favor of another church community or entity. Those unbaptized and those whose Baptism is not recognized by the Catholic Church may not serve in the role of Christian witness, but are welcome to be present at the ceremony.

Note that the Catholic seeking to be admitted as a godparent/sponsor “lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken.” This phraseology means that the candidate for godparent/sponsor; A) sincerely believes and strives to put into practice the Word of God as taught by the Catholic Church; B) regularly takes part in the Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation; and C) if married, was married in accordance with the requirements of the Catholic Church.

II. Affirmation of the Prospective Godparent/Sponsor

If therefore, you seek to be admitted as a godparent/sponsor, and are convinced that you qualify in accordance with the conditions listed above, kindly make the following **solemn affirmation** before God:

I, *(print full name)* _____, a practicing Catholic seeking to be admitted as a godparent/sponsor; solemnly affirm that I fulfill the requirements of the Catholic Church for this role as presented above. I **intend**, with the grace of God, to continue the practice of my Catholic faith, and I will, to the best of my ability, carry out the obligations of my role as godparent/sponsor.

(PLEASE PRINT)

Date of Ceremony

Name of Baptism or Confirmation Candidate (circle one)

Parish/Town

Signature of Godparent/Sponsor

Today's Date

Godparent's/Sponsor's email address

Godparent/Sponsor's phone number

On completion of this form, please present, mail, or fax to the Priest or Deacon seven (7) days prior to the date the sacrament(s) will be celebrated.

Approved by Presbyteral Council 1/11/16

Confirmation Preparation at St. Junipero Serra

Confirmation Service Requirements

Along with *forming a deeper interior faith*, youth ministry in the Archdiocese of Hartford has the major goals of *integrating young Catholics into the ongoing life of the parish* and *guiding young Catholics toward actively following Jesus Christ*. The Confirmation Classes aim at the first goal, while the Confirmation Service Component aims at the second and third.

St. Junipero Serra Confirmation Candidates are required to volunteer for 10 hours 1st year and 10 hours 2nd year of service. The two areas they may volunteer in involve the **Life of the Parish** and the **Corporal Works of Mercy**.

- A. ***Life of the Parish*** at St. Junipero Serra Parish– Donut Sunday, Bingo, bulletins, Altar Server, Choir, Lector, Greeter, Usher, replace hymnals in pews, Bingo, decorate Church for holiday or wedding, serve at parish function, etc.
- B. ***Corporal Works of Mercy*** – Actively assist those suffering, outside Church walls.
 - a. Feed the hungry/give drink to the thirsty – St. Vincent de Paul or other food drives.
 - b. Shelter the homeless – go on parish trip to one of the homeless shelters, Habitat for Humanity.
 - c. Clothe the naked – Assist a winter clothing drive.
 - d. Visit the sick – helping seniors, spend time with someone homebound or in hospital.
 - e. Bury the dead – make and send a card to the family of a deceased person. Spend time with widow(er).
 - f. Visit the prisoners – probably wait until you’re older for this one.

DUE DATES: There will be 3 deadlines at which time approximately 3-4 hours should be completed by each deadline and hard copies of form handed in:

Part 1: 11/16 Part 2: 1/25 Part 3: 3/15

Below is the ACCEPTABLE list of service hour activities, all other activities require permission from Sr. Karen

- ✓ Communion Breakfasts
- ✓ St. Junipero Serra Children’s Bible Camp – July
- ✓ Youth Group Setups and Cleanups
- ✓ Tootsie Roll Drive (with Knights of Columbus)
- ✓ Decorating the Church at Christmas, joining Student Christmas Choir

- ✓ Stations of the Cross (during Lent)
- ✓ Parish Golf Tournament
- ✓ Parish Summer Picnic – setup, work during, cleanup
- ✓ Family Bingo
- ✓ Helping set up before and clean up after Catechism Classes, and WPC, etc.
- ✓ Spring or Fall Parish Cleanup
- ✓ St. Vincent De Paul Collections (monthly)
- ✓ East Hartford Family Shelter and Hartford Immacare shelter events & Service
- ✓ Harbor Chase and Residence senior activities – i.e. Games, Dances, Greeting cards, Crafts
- ✓ Prepare food for Shelters
- ✓ Make food baskets or blessing bags for Homeless or those with food insecurities
- ✓ Help or participate in the parish Easter Egg Hunt or Nativity Play
- ✓ Help at local foodbank, pantry, or soup kitchen (with adult)
- ✓ Help elderly neighbor with task (un-paid and NOT a family member)

Any service hours completed in the **summer before** Confirmation classes can be included.

Service done at school or scouts will be no longer be accepted.

Helping with the **Summer Vacation Bible School** can take up to 20 hours.

These can be applied to either the first year, second year, or split between but cannot account for the total 20-hour service requirement. You would also need 1 Church (Mass event) ½ hour and 1 Work of Mercy service hour.

Note: All St. Junipero Serra sponsored events must have Virtus Certified adult(s) supervision.

*****If an activity takes place outside of our parish or this list, please have it approved by Sister Karen beforehand.**

