

# SPONSOR 2025-2026

As a member of Most Holy Redeemer Parish in Evergreen Park, I desire to affirm my belief in Jesus and His Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

As I enter into this final phase of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, bless me and give me the willingness to do all that is required of me.

I pledge to the best of my ability to take part in the learning sessions and activities that are a part of the program of preparation.

I accept the responsibility to open my mind and heart to the activities of the Holy Spirit during this time of preparation. I ask this in Christ's name.

Amen



Dear Sponsor,

Today the parish community of Most Holy Redeemer is offering your sponsoree an opportunity to renew his/her Baptismal vows and to experience God's love and friendship in their lives.

*"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common".*

*Acts 4:32*

Four areas will be stressed as they prepare for Confirmation:

- Liturgy: regular attendance at Mass;  
developing a commitment to living out our faith by attending Mass
- Prayer: developing a routine and understanding the meaning of prayer
- Knowing our faith: knowing our beliefs as stated in the Creed
- Christian service: practicing the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy

### ***Guidelines For Service***

Christian love is manifested in service to other people. Jesus came as one who serves. He declared that, at the end of time, he will judge us on how well we have served him through other people. A vital part of the candidates' preparation for living a full Christian life is developing a habit of service.

Jesus has invited your Confirmation candidate to follow Him, to walk in His footsteps, and to reach out to others as He did, with care, concern, healing, and hope. Confirmation can be a missed opportunity or a highlight, a turning point of their life. It is their choice.

- Their service is not just a job to be done. It is selflessly and lovingly helping those in need.
- They should reflect on how their service project is helping them take on the mind and heart of Christ, fulfill the needs of others, and build up the Christian community.
- The giving of service is not new to them. They have given of themselves in many ways and should continue after their Confirmation and all through their life.
- Service hours must be journaled. Writing down their thoughts and feelings about each project after its completion.

Service projects will be listed and they will have many interesting avenues to choose from. The performance of service hours and the reflection upon such work are an integral preparation for the life of loving service that adult Christians must embrace. Therefore, the honest completion of these hours is necessary for Confirmation and if this commitment is not done honestly and in a Christian spirit it would mean that they are not ready for the Sacrament of Confirmation and will have to wait another year.

We thank you for your cooperation in this Spirit-filled endeavor. We thank you for your good example and the support you will be giving your Confirmation candidate.

### ***The Role Of The Sponsor***

Sponsors are those who will help the Confirmation candidate live his or her baptismal promises. It is the responsibility of the sponsor to:

- Accompany the candidate to a weekend liturgy and help them reflect on the Liturgy of the Word.
- Encourage confirmandi to attend weekly Mass.
- Help the candidate understand and appreciate the Sacrament of Confirmation and have the right intentions for receiving it.
- Help the candidate prepare for Confirmation by encouraging him or her to pray, to participate in the sacraments—especially the Eucharist, and to become actively involved in the life of their parish community.
- Assist in the faith sharing component of Confirmation.
- Present the candidate for Confirmation and continue to assist the confirmed person in living a Christian life.

### ***Areas Where Sponsor Involvement Is Essential:***

- Attend Sunday Mass with your candidate when possible
- Be a mentor and role model to your candidate on his/her spiritual journey
- Volunteer to drive for the special service outings your candidate will be involved in and participate in service hours
- Pray for and with your candidate during the period of preparation
- Complete interview with candidate - see attached

**Important Dates for Confirmation 2025-2026**

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Tuesday September 30th, 2025- Parent/Confirmandi Meeting in church at 6:30

Friday, October 3, 2025-Mandatory Student Confirmation retreat in MHR gym (Briody Hall) from 8:30-2:30

Tuesday, October 28, 2025-Saint report due for MHR students

November 3, 2025-Saint report due for SOR students

Monday, December 1, 2025-Sponsor interviews due for all students

Monday, December 1, 2025-2 first 2 Reflection papers and service projects due for all students

Monday, January 26, 2026-last 2 reflection papers -

***Monday, January 26, 2026-All 15 hours of service must be completed with forms and reflection papers turned in to teachers***

February-Interviews with Father Hurley and Deacon Phelan begin after school in rectory

Date TBD-Confirmation Reconciliation for both MHR (12:30) and SOR students (6:15 ) in church

February 25, 2026-Wednesday-6:00 pm-7:00 PM mandatory Confirmation practice in church; students only

February 27, 2026-Confirmation Mass in church 7:00 pm with Bishop Sullivan  
Confirmandi, parents, sponsors must be seated in church by 6:40 pm (20 minutes before Mass begins) Reception with the Bishop in Briody Hall immediately following.

# Sponsor Interview

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

Sponsor's Full Name and Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

***Please return this form by Monday, December 1, 2025.***

Discuss the following questions with your sponsor and write down your answers. Answers should be written from your **sponsor's** perspective.

How has the Catholic faith strengthened and nourished you?

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Do you have a favorite place and time to pray? Describe a time when it was challenging to pray and a time when you really felt God's presence.

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What is the greatest challenge of being Catholic? What is the best thing about being Catholic?

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Who has been a good role model for you? How has this person taught you or shown you what it means to be Catholic? How has this person deepened your faith?

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What advice would you give to me in becoming an adult in the Catholic faith?

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Sponsor interviews are due on Monday, December 1, 2025.

They should be completed on loose leaf in pencil.

The candidate's name (your name) goes on the top line.

Your sponsor's first and last name goes on the next line along with their relationship to you (aunt, uncle, grandmother, family friend etc..)

Write each question from the form on the loose leaf along with your sponsor's response. Skip a line between each question and response.

The responses should be written from your sponsor's perspective.

These responses are not just one sentence answers. Each response should be at least 3-4 sentences in length.