

IMPORTANT DATES

CONFIRMATION 2025-2026

November 10-18, 2025	Sponsor Interview Due
December 1-2, 2025	“Saint Paper” Due
January 12-13, 2026	“Sponsor Story” Due
February 2-3, 2026	Sponsor Certificates Due
February 18, 2026	Ash Wednesday
April 13-14, 2026	Confessions
April 18, 2026	Confirmation Retreat
May 5, 2026	Confirmation Rehearsal (1)
May 12, 2026	Confirmation Rehearsal (2) (Parents, Students, and Sponsors must attend)
May 15, 2026 - 7PM	Confirmation Mass Arrival at 5:30 for pictures

**** Dates are subject to change**

Sponsor Interview

Due by November 10 & 18, 2025

Candidate's Name: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's Marital Status

(please check one)

Single ☐ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed ☐

Sponsor's Sacramental Information

Name of Church of Baptism – City & State and/or Country

Name of Church of First Holy Communion – City & State and/or Country

Name of Church of Confirmation – City & State and/or Country

Name of Church of Holy Matrimony - City/State and/or Country

Sponsor's Parish

(where they are registered and/or attend Mass on Sunday)

Name of Church – City & State and/or Country

Relationship to You *(please check one)*

Aunt ☐ Uncle ☐ Cousin ☐ Godparent ☐ Friend ☐ Other ☐

If other, please state relationship: _____

Sponsor's Sunday Mass Attendance *(please check one)*

Every Sunday ☐ Twice a Month ☐ Every Other Month ☐ Once a Year ☐ Never ☐

Teacher: _____

Saint Paper Requirements

Due December 1-2, 2025

1. Cover page with Saint name and picture in a large font. Your name is on the bottom right-hand corner.
2. At least 400 words or more with the total number of word count on the last page. Saint name, your name and the bibliography does not count towards your 400 words.
 - 1 -2 paragraph biography on the life of the saint, birth date, where they are from, feast date, what they are patron saint of, their works and accomplishments etc.
 - 2-3 paragraphs on why you chose this saint and what is it about this saint that you feel is special and that you can relate to.
 - 1-2 paragraphs on how this saint's life has inspired you to imitate them and try to become a better person and Christian.
3. A bibliography page that lists **ALL** the references used to write the report including websites with (hyperlink format), books, articles etc.

CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION NAME

A confirmation name is the name of a saint whose life symbolizes for you what it means to live as a Christian. Since you admire this person's lifestyle, you take on his or her name as an attitude that the saint demonstrated in his or her life. In this way you challenge yourself to become more Christ-like in your words and actions each day.

Q. How can I find out about the lives of the saints, or other holy Christian people, so that I can select a name that really represents something special about Jesus for me?

A. Below is a QR code for LifeTeen and a wonderful resource for Saint Names.



Q. What are the qualities that I might look for in the life of a saint?

1. Take time to notice how these people loved.
2. How did they work for peace?
3. Who served the needs of the poor and the oppressed?
4. Who sacrificed for the benefit of others?
5. Who demonstrated gentleness?
6. Who really did go the extra mile in bringing Christ's presence into the lives of others?

These are just a few of the questions that you might ask as you read about these people who allowed Christ's love to flow through themselves and outwards to other people.

Sponsor Story Requirements

Due on January 12-13, 2026

1. Cover page with Sponsor's name and picture in a large font.
Your name on the bottom right-hand corner.
2. At least 400 words or more with the total number word count on the last page. Sponsor's name, your name and the bibliography does not count towards your 400 words.
 - 1-2 paragraph biography on the life of your sponsor, birthdate, where they are from, what they do for a living, their family, accomplishments, etc.
 - 2-3 paragraphs on why you chose this person to be your sponsor and what it is about this person that you feel is special.
 - 1-2 paragraphs on how this person has inspired you to imitate them and try to become a better person and Christian.

TO QUALIFY AS A SPONSOR

The role of the Sponsor is to present the Confirmation Candidate to the Bishop and is to have the following qualifications:

1. The sponsor must be a Catholic who is at least sixteen years old and be a person who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on. They may not be the mother or father of the person to be confirmed. (c.892)
2. The Sponsor must be a fully initiated Catholic (one who has received Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and practices their faith) and not be labored under a canonical penalty, whether imposed or declared. If the person you are considering as a Sponsor is not married according to the laws and practices of the Catholic Church, or is cohabitating [living together outside of marriage], you will need to consider someone else. Catholics who are divorced and remarried, and whose previous marriage has not been declared null by a *Decree of Nullity* are considered members of the Church living in an irregular (or invalid) marriage and as such, are not eligible to be a Confirmation Sponsor.
3. The Sponsor must be an active, registered member of a Catholic Parish. If the Sponsor is over 18, the person should be registered under their own name at a Catholic Parish. For those who are parishioners of St. Edward, you may use the attached Sponsor Certificate. Additionally, if the Sponsor is a member of a Parish within the Archdiocese of Miami, they may use the same attached form which must include the signature of the Pastor of the Sponsor's Parish along with the Church seal. If the Sponsor is from outside the state or outside the United States, he or she will still be required to obtain a Sponsor Certificate/letter of eligibility from their Parish, indicating that he or she is a Catholic in good standing and eligible to be a sponsor. These documents must be submitted to the Office of Religious Education no later than February 3, 2026.



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CALIFICAR COMO MADRINA O PADRINO DE CONFIRMACIÓN

La función de la madrina o el padrino es de presentar al Candidato para la Confirmación al Obispo y debe de tener las siguientes condiciones:

1. La madrina o el padrino debe ser católico, mayor de dieciséis años, y una persona que lleve una vida de fe congruente con la función que asumirá. No podrá ser la madre ni el padre de la persona que se va a confirmar. (c. 892).
2. La madrina o el padrino debe ser un católico plenamente iniciado (que haya recibido el Bautismo, la Primera Comunión y la Confirmación, y que practique su fe) y no estar sujeto a ninguna pena canónica, ya sea impuesta o declarada. Si la persona que considera no está casada según las leyes y prácticas de la Iglesia Católica, o convive fuera del matrimonio, debería considerar a otra persona. Los católicos divorciados y vueltos a casar, cuyo matrimonio anterior no haya sido declarado nulo mediante un Decreto de Nulidad, se consideran miembros de la Iglesia que viven en un matrimonio irregular (o inválido) y por lo tanto, no son elegibles para ser madrinas o padrinos de Confirmación.
3. La madrina o el padrino debe ser miembro activo y registrado de una parroquia católica. Si es mayor de 18 años, debe de tener su propia resgistración en una parroquia católica. Los feligreses de St. Edward pueden usar el Certificado adjunto. Si la persona pertenece a una parroquia de la Arquidiócesis de Miami, puede usar el mismo formulario adjunto, que debe incluir la firma del párroco de la parroquia y el sello de la iglesia. Si la persona reside fuera del estado o de los Estados Unidos, debería obtener un Certificado o una carta de elegibilidad de su parroquia, que indique que es católico practicante y elegible para ser madrina o padrino. Estos documentos deben entregarse a la Oficina de Educación Religiosa a más tardar el 3 de febrero de 2026.



Parroquia Católica de San Eduardo

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Confirmation Sponsor Form

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Candidate's Name: _____

SPONSOR INFORMATION

Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's Address: _____

Sponsor's Phone Number: _____

Sponsor's Email: _____

Sponsor's Parish (Name and Location): _____

If registered at St. Edward, please provide Parish Envelope # _____

SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS

1. Y N N/A Must be 16 years of age or older.
2. Y N N/A Must be a Roman Catholic who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation, and "leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken."
(*Copy of the Confirmation Certificate is required.*)
3. Y N N/A The mother and father of the child cannot serve as sponsors. (Cf. Code of Canon Law, No. 874.1).
Are you a parent of the candidate?
4. Y N N/A Attend Mass consistently on Sundays and on the Holy Days of Obligation.
5. Y N N/A Follows the moral teachings of the Catholic Church.
6. Y N N/A If the sponsor is married, he/she needs to be validly married in the Catholic Church.
Otherwise, they should be living their Christian vocation as a single person.

If Sponsor is not available on the day of the Ceremony of Confirmation, a stand-in or proxy may be used; but a proxy must meet these same requirements and have this form completed and signed by the Sponsor's Parish Priest.

If a Proxy is needed:

Name of Proxy Sponsor: _____

Parish of Proxy Sponsor: _____

Parish Address of Proxy Sponsor: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Sponsor Declaration:

I _____ affirm in all sincerity that the requirements as set forth above are truly fulfilled. I recognize that I will be called to renew the promises of my own baptism; to reject sin and profess my faith in Jesus Christ. I also recognize that this requires that I truly practice my faith by attending Sunday Mass, by prayer, generous concern for others and by living an upright Catholic life under the mercy of God. With this in mind, I promise to be the best possible example in word and deed to: _____ (Candidate Name)

Sponsor Signature: _____ Attested by: _____

(Pastor)

Date: _____