

Parents: please read and discuss this Candidate Covenant stating their commitment to the Confirmation process. Have them sign this commitment form and return it with the Sacramental Form.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1285 states “It must be explained to the faithful that the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. For “by the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence, they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith **BY WORD AND DEED.**”

Also from *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, # 1296

“By this anointing the confirmandi receives the “mark,” the *seal* of the Holy Spirit. A seal is a symbol of a person, a sign of personal authority, or ownership of an object. Hence soldiers were marked with their leader’s seal and slaves with their master’s.... Christ himself declared that he was marked with his Father’s seal. Christians are also marked with a seal: “It is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has commissioned us; he has put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.” This seal of the Holy Spirit marks our total belonging to Christ, our **enrollment in his service forever**, as well as the promise of divine protection in the great eschatological trial.”

Candidate Covenant

I am committed to this year of preparation for Confirmation. I agree to attend all of the required sessions, which include the service projects, activities, and retreats. If I am unable to attend the Wednesday class, I will attend the make-up session(s) and/or do all the make-up work. I choose to participate with an open heart and open mind and give 100% of myself to the preparation. I agree to cultivate a relationship with my sponsor to learn from their spiritual guidance. **Most importantly, I promise to receive all that God has in store for me this year, and to let the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit come alive in my life.**

Printed Name

Signature of Candidate

Date