

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

Jesus came “not to be served, but to serve.” (Mt. 20:28) The Church is a servant community and all those accepting full membership in the church are also accepting the responsibility to serve.

Candidates for the reception of Confirmation are asked to select service projects, which are geared to their own special talents and abilities. Candidates are asked to perform a minimum for 25 (twenty-five) hours of Christian service to others as part of their preparation for Confirmation. The service should be performed freely and willingly. Hours this year are to be divided between parish, family and community. This division of time is a guide but service must be done in all three areas. This service project is meant to represent the candidates’ intentions of becoming full members of this servant community, the church, and special followers of Christ - Christians.

Examples:

1. School - Opportunity to do work after school. Contact your principal.
2. Public Library – Possible opportunity to do general library and/or clerical work.
3. Volunteer Center of Monmouth County –732-728-1927. The volunteer center is most eager to help. New areas of service come in daily please call if you need hours. Open Monday – Friday 8:25am – 4:25pm.
4. Local Food Banks, Crop Walk, Breast Cancer Walk, Alzheimer’s Walk, etc.

Do not wait till the last minute - get started early!!

No candidate is limited to the above suggestions. Be inventive. Find a need and fill it! Get a group together call agencies and find out what is needed. Organize, advertise, have the event and take it to completion.

Mrs. Mount will give you the date when the service is to be completed. Service hours this year are to be divided between church, family, and community. Note in your packet a service log is to be **SIGNED, not initialed**, by the person for whom the service is performed not the parents of the confirmandi. If you start next week you will have almost 20 weeks to complete your 25 hours, this is approximately one hour a week, not too much to ask. Remember this is just a minimum; ideally we would like this to become part of your life. We would like you to learn from this project that doing service is: worthwhile, you feel good, not everything has a monetary value attached to it. To be Christ’s followers we are to be servants and to be servants we need to serve.

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**REFLECTION ON SERVICE ACTIVITY
UPON COMPLETION OF HOURS
DUE APRIL 8, 2018**

Directions: Please use this guideline when writing your Community Service essay.

1. The number of hours I pledged was: **25**.--- At least **5** hours Church Service , balance of hours Community Service
2. The number of hours I have completed to date is _____.
3. The type(s) of job(s) I did were:

4. By my service, I learned that:

5. By my service, I realize that others

6. I also learned that Christ

7. I was surprised that I

8. I don't want to forget that

9. The hardest part of the job(s) I did was

10. The best part of the job(s) I did was

11. From what you know about Confirmation, do you feel that a person should be confirmed without doing some minimum service? _____ Why?

Candidate's Signature: _____

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CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECT LOG
 TO BE USED TO TRACK YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS
DUE APRIL 8, 2018

Date	Service Performed		# of Hours	Signature & Contact Info of Supervisor
PLEASE TOTAL SERVICE HOURS			_____	TOTAL

Candidate's Name: _____ **Date:** _____

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY
BAPTISMAL INFORMATION SHEET

Return by: January 28, 2018

**MUST SUBMIT FORM EVEN IF STUDENT WAS BAPTIZED AT
ST ELIZABETH**

Name of **Confirmation Student** _____
Last First Middle

Date of Baptism _____
Month Day Year

**Church of Baptism _____
Church

Street Address City or Town State Zip

Name of Father _____
Last First

Maiden Name of Mother _____
Maiden Name First

Baptismal Certificate on file: Yes No

SPONSOR INFORMATION

Name of **Sponsor** _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Parish registered in: _____

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY SPONSOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION

The choice of sponsor for confirmation is a very important one. It is an honor to be chosen but there is much more to the role than being honorary.

THE SPONSOR

1. Witnesses, prays and is active in the liturgical life of the church, participating in Sunday Mass and receives the sacraments regularly.
2. Is a real friend, someone whom you can trust and confide in, someone who is “there” when needed, the kind of person you would like to be.
3. Is a guide, a good “listener” who is ready to give advice when asked, one whose experience as a practicing Catholic is an invaluable source for helping you to make decisions about your own life as a Catholic.
4. Takes an interest in the program you are following and will be ready to accept the invitations you send to take part in the special masses celebrated during the preparation program.
5. Knows you well enough to say before the parish when the time comes that you are someone who is choosing freely to celebrate confirmation.

Sponsors are expected to be models, that is, persons to whom young people can look up to, and observe how a mature, committed member of the faith community lives. The idea of being a model, of course, is both embarrassing and threatening to most of us. We don't normally go around considering ourselves models of many things, especially of virtue, faith and the like. It should be stressed, then, that model as used here doesn't mean one who has achieved the ideal of Christian perfection. Rather the sponsors are being asked to model the behavior of a person striving to follow Jesus and His teachings. In that sense, they can be authentic models with whom you can identify. Just as a young person experiences weakness, you can look to your sponsors to see how the more mature Christian deals with his or her personal weakness in the light of faith.

Another image of the role of sponsor is that of mentor. A mentor is a fancy name for a coach – a person who has learned by the experience of playing the game. The mentor or coach gives advice, challenges the person to try harder, to develop their hidden talents and to overcome bad habits. The coach praises and the coach scolds and knows when one is more necessary than the other.

It is necessary to get a Certificate of Eligibility from the sponsor's parish. Once you have asked the person of your choice and he/she agrees to serve as your sponsor, please ask them to return to you their Certificate of Eligibility and the attached Sponsor Form.

The certificate and forms are due Sunday, January 28, 2018 to the Religious Education Office.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A SPONSOR

1. A sponsor must be sufficiently mature for the role. They must be at least 16 years of age.
2. A sponsor must belong to the Catholic Church and must have received the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
3. A sponsor must be a practicing Catholic and registered in a Church.
4. A sponsor, if married, the marriage must be recognized by the church.
5. A sponsor may be the same sponsor the individual had at Baptism.
6. A sponsor may be a new sponsor selected specifically for Confirmation.
7. A sponsor may be either male or female for any candidate.

8. A sponsor may not be a parent of the child to be confirmed.

There are certain qualifications that the Church has for sponsors. Consider the following question before choosing a sponsor who has to be eligible according to the Church:

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	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
1. My sponsor is 16 or older.	___	___
2. My sponsor has been baptized a Catholic (or made a profession of faith in the case of a conversion to the Catholic faith).....	___	___
3. My sponsor has been confirmed in the Catholic Church.....	___	___
4. My sponsor is a practicing Catholic. That is he/she attends Mass weekly and contributes to the support of the Church. He/she is known to the parish priest where he/she is registered and the priest can testify to this.		
5. If my sponsor is married, he/she was married in the Catholic Church.	___	___
6. If my sponsor is divorced, and has not remarried.....	___	___
7. My sponsor can obtain a certificate from his/her parish that they are a Catholic in good standing. (Every sponsor needs one.).....	___	___
8. My sponsor may be the one I had at Baptism.		
9. My sponsor may be specially chosen for Confirmation.		
10. My sponsor may be a male or female.		
11. My sponsor cannot be my parent.		

If I have to answer "NO" to any one of questions 1 through 6 that person cannot be a sponsor according to Church rules. Do not ask him/her.

This paper is meant as a help for you in choosing a sponsor. Do not return it with the answers checked. It is to help us keep from hurting people's feelings. **If they do not meet the Church's qualifications please do not ask them and force us to say they are ineligible.**

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CONFIRMATION SPONSOR FORM

I have agreed to become a Confirmation Sponsor for **(Please Print)**

(Confirmation Candidate's Name)

I will make every effort to attend the Practice Session for Confirmation this coming year.

Please Print Sponsor's Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Registered Parish: _____

Please have Confirmation Student return this form and the **CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY from the SPONSOR'S Church** by **Sunday, January 28, 2018 to the Religious Education Office.**

Mrs. Carol Freda
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(732) 774-4089 ext. 205

The Rite of Enrollment is on **November 19, 2017 10:30 Mass – Mandatory**

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**CONTRACT OF INVESTITURE AND
RITE OF ENROLLMENT**

I, _____, understand that my preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation is a responsibility that I choose to accept. I thereby agree to:

- Cooperate to the best of my ability with the parish program preparing me for the sacrament of Confirmation
- Participate in the learning sessions, activities, and spiritual opportunities provided by my parish community
- Try to become a more active and involved member of this parish
- Offer my talents and services where needed
- Accept more responsibility in my family, community, and parish
- Participate in the weekend and Holy day Masses regularly
- Seriously reflect on my decision to receive the sacrament of Confirmation
- Pray for growth in faith, hope and love
- Strive for greater maturity

I place myself in the loving hands of God asking blessings and assistance, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, that I may keep the promises that I have made by this agreement.

Candidate's signature: _____

Witnesses: Parent(s) _____

Sponsor _____

Teacher _____

Date: _____