



OCIx SACRAMENT PAPERWORK

This packet contains all of the paperwork needed for Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion.

Please follow the checklist below:

- Submit a copy of your birth certificate (due now)
- Submit Godparent Forms (due December 13th)
 - one is required, but you may have two
- Submit Sponsor Form (due December 13th)
 - if using a Godparent, please specify which one
- Submit Saint Form (due December 13th)

Note: Godparent and Sponsor forms may take a few weeks to be completed by their home parishes. Please don't wait until the last minute to finalize this paperwork. Unfinished paperwork may push your Sacramental Reception date to 2025.



GODPARENT FORM FOR BAPTISM

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS // 13720 WEST THOMAS ROAD, AVONDALE, AZ 85392

STUDENT NAME (FIRST & LAST)

PLEASE CHECK THE BOX WHERE THE CANDIDATE IS ENROLLED

- STA PARISH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (3rd-5th)
- STA PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY (6th-12th)
- STA PARISH ADULT (Post High-School)

Our journey of faith begins at Baptism. This Sacrament of Christian Initiation is "the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments" (CCC 1213). In Baptism we are cleansed of Original Sin and any personal sin. We become children of God and members of the Church. We receive the grace to lead lives of holiness. We are also given the hope of eternal life.

The catechumen (with their parents if under age) take responsibility for choosing a godparent who will serve as a good example for living the Catholic way of life. A godparent can also serve as a sponsor of the catechumen at Confirmation. It is customary to have two godparents, however, only one is required for Baptism. A godparent may be either male or female. If two godparents are chosen, one must be male and one female. At least one godparent must be fully initiated Roman Catholic (baptized, confirmed and regularly receiving the Eucharist), at least sixteen years of age, must be leading a life in harmony with the Faith and must be free of any canonical impediment. A secondary godparent may be a Christian Witness (**practicing Christian but not Roman Catholic**). If you are in need of Christian Witness paperwork, contact the office. Parents, step-parents or adoptive parents are not allowed to be godparents. (CCC 1255; Canon 872, 873, 874).

If the Godparent(s) are from another Parish Church, that parish may provide a letter of good standing. Please ask that Parish Church to return their letter/form to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Office at the above address. If parish cannot provide a letter of good standing, the Godparent will need to provide Sacramental documentation themselves.

If a Godparent(s) cannot attend the scheduled celebration, a proxy may be chosen to stand in for them.

Please fill out one form for each Godparent and, if the catechumen is receiving Confirmation and asking for a Godparent to be a Sponsor, also submit a Sponsor Form.

GODPARENT INFORMATION

FULL NAME (FIRST, M, LAST)

MALE / FEMALE

CURRENT ADDRESS

CITY & STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

RELIGION

RELATIONSHIP TO CATECHUMEN

SIGNATURE (By signing, I attest that the information provided on this form is true and accurate)

CHURCH WHERE GODPARENT RESIDES (TO BE FILLED OUT BY PARISH REPRESENTATIVE)

NAME OF CHURCH

ADDRESS OF CHURCH

CITY & STATE

ZIP CODE

I certify that the person named above is qualified to be a Godparent.

DATE & PARISH SEAL

SIGNATURE / TITLE OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVE



SPONSOR FORM FOR CONFIRMATION

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The candidate will need one Liturgical Sponsor who will present the candidate for Confirmation. The sponsor should be actively involved in the candidate's life of faith before, during and after Confirmation. Sponsors are to support their candidate during the preparation process through prayer, words of encouragement and attendance when required.

The sponsor cannot be the candidate's mother or father, as they are already responsible for the faith of the candidate.

If the Sponsor is from another Parish Church, that parish may provide a letter of good standing. Please ask that Parish Church to return their letter/form to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Office at the above address. If parish cannot provide a letter of good standing, then sponsor will need to provide Sacramental documentation themselves.

If a sponsor cannot attend the scheduled celebration, a proxy may be chosen to stand in for the sponsor.

SPONSOR INFORMATION & COMMITMENT

FULL NAME (FIRST, M, LAST)

PHONE NUMBER

CURRENT ADDRESS

CITY & STATE

ZIP CODE

RELIGION

NAME OF HOME PARISH

RELATIONSHIP TO CANDIDATE

As a practicing Catholic, I appreciate that this request is an important opportunity for me to witness to my faith and provide a good example of Catholic Life. I have prayerfully considered what I have been asked to do. I promise, with God help to be the best sponsor I can be. Therefore, I now affirm:

- that I am at least 16 years of age;
- that I have completed my own Christian Initiation with the reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist;
- that, if I am married, I was married according to the laws and teachings of the Catholic Church;
- that, if I am single, I am living my life in accord with the teachings of the Catholic Church;
- that, I will do all in my power to be a model of a Catholic Christian, living my faith, participating with the Church community in their worship of Sunday Liturgy and by supporting the work of the Church.

SIGNATURE (By signing, I attest that the information provided on this form is true and accurate)

**CHURCH WHERE SPONSOR RESIDES
(TO BE FILLED OUT BY PARISH REPRESENTATIVE)**

NAME OF CHURCH

ADDRESS OF CHURCH

CITY & STATE

ZIP CODE

I certify that the person named above is qualified to be a Godparent.

DATE & PARISH SEAL

SIGNATURE / TITLE OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVE



SAINT NAME FORM

FOR CONFIRMATION

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS // 13720 WEST THOMAS ROAD, AVONDALE, AZ 85392

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CITY & STATE OF BIRTH

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Every candidate to be confirmed is asked to choose a Confirmation name. Choosing a name signifies that the person being confirmed is becoming a new creation in Christ. The Confirmation name is a powerful symbol. At the Rite of Reception of candidates or at the Rite of Christian Initiation of catechumens, the celebrant will address the candidate or catechumen by that name to show that the candidate is important and that the gift of faith is being offered to him/her as an individual.

In the past it has been the tradition to take the name of a Saint or a holy person who will serve as a role model and intercessor for Confirmation. Since each person is created anew at his/ her Baptism, choosing the same name as one's Baptismal name is absolutely acceptable today. Doing so also emphasizes more clearly the unity which exists between the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. However, choosing the name of a favorite biblical person, beatified individual, or canonized Saint whose Christian lifestyle the candidate or catechumen would like to imitate is perfectly acceptable. Candidates should choose a name that will remind and inspire them to treat others as Christ would.

Picking a name that holds a personal significance for the candidate will help the Confirmation experience be more meaningful for them. For resources on the saints, catholic.org/saints is a good place to start or ask your catechist for help!

We ask that the candidates' first name, middle name or Mary is not used for their Saint Name.

Please fill out the form below and return to your catechist. The Confirmation name chosen is a matter of parish record but does not change the candidates' legal name.

CONFIRMATION SAINT NAME

CONFIRMATION SAINT NAME CHOSEN

One thing that stands out to you about this Saint's life (feel free to use another sheet of paper):

Why you've chosen this Saint for your Confirmation Name (feel free to use another sheet of paper)?

What is a specific prayer intention for which I can ask my Saint to pray (feel free to use another sheet of paper)?
