



**ST. RAYMOND**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS 

## **For Confirmands, their Parents/Guardians, and their Sponsors**

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Dear Confirmands, Parents and Sponsors,**

We are excited about your decision to join our Confirmation Preparation Program at St. Raymond Parish. This is a two year program, with weekly sessions on Sunday nights, 6:00–8:00 pm.

This agreement outlines the expectations and commitments required for participating in the program and receiving the sacrament. By signing this document, you acknowledge and agree to the following terms:

#### **1. Commitment to Attendance and Accompaniment:**

- **Students** are expected to attend the **weekly Sunday sessions** throughout the two-year preparation program. During the second year, they may miss **no more than two sessions**, including absences due to illness or family commitments.
- **Students in their second year** will meet with the Director of Faith Formation once in the **fall of 2026** and once in the **spring of 2027**. Together, we will discuss their readiness to receive the Sacrament.
- **Parents/guardians** are encouraged to support their child by attending the **monthly parent meetings**.
- **Sponsors** are expected to have at least three faith conversations with their confirmand during the second year of preparation as they accompany them on their faith journey.

#### **2. Spiritual Development: Prayer, Mass, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

- **Students in years 1 and 2**, are encouraged to develop a regular life of personal prayer. They are expected to attend **Mass every weekend** and to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** at least twice each year as part of their spiritual preparation. They should also receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation within the two weeks before receiving Confirmation.
- **Parents/guardians** are encouraged to support and model a life of faith by attending Mass every weekend and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well.
- **Second-year confirmands**, their parents/guardians, and their sponsors (if local) are required to attend the **Rite of Welcoming** at the 5:00 pm Mass on **October 25, 2026**, and the **Rite of Commitment** at the 5:00 pm Mass on **February 28, 2027**.

### 3. Retreat and Recollection (for second year students only):

- **Second-year confirmands** are strongly encouraged to attend the youth retreat on **October 16–18, 2026**, at Mt. Hermon. This retreat is for youth only; parents and sponsors are not expected to attend.
- **Confirmands, their parents/guardians, and their sponsors** (if local) are required to attend the **Confirmation Recollection** on **February 27, 2027**, from **8:00 am to 12:00 pm**, at St. Raymond.

### 4. Saint / Sponsor's Name (for second year students only):

- **Students** should communicate their Saint name by the end of October 2026.
- **Students** should communicate their Sponsor's name by the end of October 2026. Read the guidelines to pick a sponsor on our website.  
<https://straymondmp.org/faith-formation/confirmation/sponsor-guidelines/>

### 5. Confirmation Date:

- The **Confirmation** ceremony is tentatively scheduled for **May 15, 2027, at 5:00 pm** at St Raymond.
- **Rehearsal is tentatively scheduled for May 13, 2027, at 6:30 pm** and is mandatory for the confirmands and their sponsors.

### 6. Communication and Cooperation:

- **Students** and **Parents/Guardians** should communicate any concerns or issues to the Director of Faith Formation promptly. They should read the weekly email that will be sent to them.
- Both parties are expected to cooperate fully with the program's guidelines and requirements.

By signing this agreement, both the confirmand, their sponsor, and their parent(s)/guardian(s) acknowledge their understanding of the commitments required and agree to uphold the expectations outlined above.

**Confirmand's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_