



St. Ignatius Loyola Parish

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My dear sisters and brothers in our Lord Jesus,

It is for the sponsor to see that the confirmed person acts as true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations connected with this Sacrament.

(Code of Canon Law, 892)

Congratulations! You have been asked to serve as a Confirmation sponsor for one of the Confirmation candidates here in our parish. *This is a very important responsibility!* You are being invited to not only accompany the candidate during preparation for the celebration of Confirmation but also to be a lifelong faithful Catholic witness to the candidate giving your guidance and support as the candidate lives as a fully-initiated Catholic Christian. This is not an easy task in our secularized world! So “thank you” for accepting the invitation to take on this very critical role in the lives of our candidates.

The Church has canonical requirements for Confirmation sponsors. These are listed on the enclosed sponsor form that you need to complete and return signed by your Catholic pastor or his designee. This form should be returned by **Thursday, October 15, 2026**. *That being the case, please submit the form to your parish a few weeks before this due date.* Your parish can send your form directly to us:

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish
Attn: Coordinator of Sacraments
5222 North Bend Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45247

Thank you for your prompt attentiveness to this.

Let us all pray fervently for our Confirmation candidates, their families, sponsors and catechists during this time of sacramental preparation. May everything we say, think and do, be, as our patron saint tells us, “for the greater glory of God.” Abundant blessings on one and all!

Rev. Andrew Umberg
Pastor