

REQUIREMENTS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, AGES 7 to 17:

Child to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or First Holy Communion:

- Must be at least 7 years old.
- Must be Baptized in the Roman Catholic Church. If the child needs the Sacrament of Baptism, please select “BAPTISM” on the next page. He or she may receive all 3 Sacraments of Initiation on the same day.
- Must provide a **copy of the child’s Birth Certificate** issued by the State Department.

Parents of the child:

- At least one (1) parent or guardian must be a practicing Baptized Roman Catholic Christian.
- Must be a registered parishioner of St. Joseph Church, Hilo. Please see the office if you need to register with us.
- If you are not registered and live outside of the Hilo district/canonical boundary, you will need to go to the Catholic Church in the community you are living in to inquire about the Sacraments. Otherwise, you must provide a Permission Letter from the Parish clergy to transfer to St. Joseph Church in Hilo.

Confirmation Sponsors or Godparent Qualifications:

- Parents agree to ensure the child’s Confirmation Sponsor, male or female, meets qualifications on the next page. If the child needs Baptism, parents agree to ensure the child’s Godparents, male and female, for Baptism meet qualifications as well. Please see detailed qualifications on the next page.

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Agreement:

We, the Parents of (Name of Child or Children) _____

Father’s Name: _____

Mother’s Name: _____ Mother’s Maiden Name: _____

Promise to abide with the following norms set by St. Joseph Catholic Church:

1. I understand that I must fulfill all the requirements as stated above to include ensuring that Godparent/Sponsor requirements are met on the next page.
2. I understand that Parents and Godparents/Sponsors will arrive no later than 15 minutes prior to the rehearsal and ceremony. If they do not come on time, this might lead to re-scheduling of the event for another day.
3. I understand that Proper Decorum and Dress Code is required for all the people attending the celebration.
4. A minimum donation of \$100 is recommended but not mandatory for the operation, classes, and maintenance of the Church. We will never deny someone a Sacrament for their inability to pay. However, we kindly ask that you offer what you can afford or make a payment arrangement with our office if the recommended minimum donation cannot be met.
5. I understand that group photos may or may not be used in our bulletin, brochures, videos, news releases, parish website, or other parish-related publications. There will be no form of pay or remuneration.
6. I understand that St Joseph Church will conduct a faith-based Safe Environment training as part of the Religious Education curriculum. More information on Safe Environment curriculum can be found on catholichawaii.org.
7. I understand that the St Joseph Church for Religious Education handbook can be found on stjoehilo.com under “Religious Education” and I agree to cooperate with parish policies set forth in the handbook.
8. Failure to comply with the above agreement can mean discontinuing or rescheduling the celebration.

Signature of Father

Signature of Mother

Date: _____

Date: _____

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION – Revised 4/1/2024

NAME OF CHILD(REN): (Print exactly as it appears on the child’s birth certificate)

Name: _____ Gender? Check one: Male Female

(Extra line for more than 1 child) _____

Birthdate: _____ Current Age: _____ Current Grade: _____

(Extra line for more than 1 child) _____

School(s): _____

Medical Allergies, Chronic Illness, Medications, Physical or Mental Impairments:

Minor’s Physician/Phone #/Medical Insurance Name & Policy #:

WHICH SACRAMENT(S) OF INITIATION DOES YOUR CHILD(REN) need?

(Please select which Sacrament(s) your child needs and provide any information on Sacraments already received.)

BAPTISM

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

CONFIRMATION

Date Performed: _____

Performed by: _____

Catholic Church Name: _____

Catholic Church Location: _____

(Address, City, State, Country)

Note(s) for more than one child: _____

PARENTS INFORMATION: (Print names as it appears on the child’s Birth Certificate. If this information differs from the child’s birth certificate, please attach any copies of documents related to guardianship.)

Married? Check one: Yes or No Married by? Check one: Priest /Judge /Other

Married by? (Name/Affiliation): _____

Father’s Name: _____

Phone #(s): _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Occupation/Place of Employment: _____

Mother’s Name: _____

Mother’s Maiden Name: _____

Phone #(s): _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address (if different from above): _____

Occupation/Place of Employment: _____

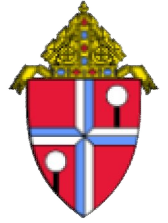
Other Guardian or Emergency Contact Information (In the event of an emergency where a parent cannot be reached, or if another authorized person or guardian will be picking up the child from classes)

Name(s): _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Note: Only individuals with completed forms with accompanying documentation and attendance requirements will be eligible to participate in the ceremony. If you need assistance with meeting these requirements to avoid rescheduling your event, please contact the St Joseph Church office at (808)935-1465.

Office for Canonical Affairs – Diocese of Honolulu
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hilo



GODPARENT/SPONSOR FORM:

(This portion of the application may be discerned and turned in by a later date determined by your instructor. This Form may be used for more than one candidate, if they share the same sponsor. Please use another form if more than one child or person has a different Confirmation Sponsor, or Godparents for Baptism.)

Name of Candidate(s) to receive Confirmation and/or First Holy Communion (Print):

Qualifications:

Godparents of the Baptized, or Sponsors of the Confirmed not only serve as Witnesses at the Ceremony of these Sacraments, but also assist the person in leading a Christian life. Therefore, Church Law requires that Godparents and Sponsors be people who are living the Catholic faith and meet the following qualifications (Code of Canon Law, Canons 872-874):

1. They should ordinarily be at least 16 years of age.
2. A Confirmation Sponsor will be one Male or one Female.
3. They must be Catholics who have already received all Sacraments of Initiation to include:
The Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion, and First Holy Confession.
4. They must lead a life in harmony with the Catholic faith and participating in Church regularly. (i.e. Eucharist, Prayer & Parish Life, Holy Confessions, Care for the Poor, Adhere to Canon Laws on Marriage & Children or Single Life, etc.)
5. If Sponsor or Godparent is married, they must be married in the Catholic Church. Those who are married outside the church or who are living together with their partner may not be Godparents or Sponsors.
6. Parents of the person to be initiated may not serve as Godparents/Sponsors.
7. Please call the office or talk to your instructor if you need assistance with meeting these requirements.

I hereby declare before God that I meet the above qualifications. I also promise to abide by these norms and assist the child being initiated in living the Christian life, as a faithful Catholic to the best of my ability with the help of God.

Sponsor full name: (Print clearly) _____

Name of YOUR Catholic Parish & Location (City, State) _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please leave below blank if candidate(s) is already Baptized. Only if he or she needs Baptism, please include a second Sponsor below. Godparents for Baptism must be one man and one woman, and sign below in agreement to the above qualifications & declaration. Another form may be needed if the person or child's Confirmation Sponsor differs from the Godparents for Baptism.

Sponsor full name: (Print clearly) _____

Name of YOUR Catholic Parish & Location (City, State): _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Notes:

- ___ Not Qualified: please speak to your pastor about receiving the sacraments and becoming qualified.
- ___ Christian Witnesses for Baptism: If only one godparent is chosen for Baptism, someone validly baptized in a non-Catholic ecclesial community may serve as a Christian witness to the ceremony, along with the Catholic godparent. This form is not required for Christian witnesses. Baptized Catholics who no longer practice their faith or who have joined another ecclesial community may not serve as Christian witnesses.
- ___ Orthodox Christians: Orthodox Christians may serve as godparents/sponsors like a Catholic by virtue of the Sacraments. Please provide a copy of a valid church registration or baptism from your home-based church.
- ___ Proxies: If the godparent/sponsor cannot be present for the ceremony, a proxy may stand in as a witness at the ceremony. Please contact the office.

