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CANDIDATE'S COVENANT

Preparing for Confirmation requires a process of reflection, review, soul-searching and sharing in order to ready your heart for the strengthening grace of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation is like commencement. It is a *beginning* of living your Catholic faith in a more mature way. It involves a commitment to follow Jesus' way of life, to participate in the Eucharistic celebration and the sacraments, to ongoing faith formation, and to serve your brothers and sisters in Christ. Confirmation is a gift of God's Spirit.

I, _____, a member of Nativity of Our Lord Parish, understand that my preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation is a responsibility that I choose to accept and in doing so, I agree to:

- Participate in the celebration of the Eucharist on Saturday/Sunday weekly and Holydays regularly which will help me grow in my understanding of the Eucharist and my faith.
- Cooperate with the parish Confirmation preparation program by attending and participating actively in the group sessions, that is, by asking questions and sharing my thoughtful opinions.
- Attend the scheduled retreat required of all candidates.
- Seriously pray and reflect on my decision to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.
- Work at deepening my personal relationship with God.
- Give willing service to those who need me, including service to my parish, following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. I understand that I am required to do a minimum of five hours of service for this program, but that, as a Catholic Christian, this is my calling.

I ask to be accepted as a candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation and promise to continue the Confirmation preparation process at Nativity. I accept the responsibility to open my mind and heart to the action of the Holy Spirit, and I ask the help of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as well as my family, sponsor, friends, and the Nativity Parish Community to help me keep the promises that I have made in this agreement.

Candidate's Signature: _____

Witnessed by Parent: _____

Date: _____