CANDIDATE COMMITMENT

DUE: September 27, 2022

GIVE YOUR SIGNED COMMITMENT TO: Mrs. Acevedo, Director of Religious Education

Vocabulary

Confirmand: a person preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation; candidate

<u>Confirmati</u>: a person who recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation

During a Sunday Mass in October, you and your classmates will be "presented" to Father Tri and our parish. It will be announced that you are in your final year of preparation and intend to be confirmed in the spring. Parishioners will begin an intense period of prayer for you. This special Mass is called "The Presentation of the Confirmation Candidates."

This is serious business. This is the first time you get to speak for yourself. By signing the commitment below and by attending this Mass and making a pledge, you are telling everyone who hears – including the One Who hears – that you fully intend to remain in the Catholic Church for the rest of your life and to continue practicing your faith.

Practicing your faith means that you promise to continue going to Mass every weekend and Holy Days for the rest of your life.

Practicing your faith means that you promise to go to Confession at least once a year for the rest of your life.

Practicing your faith means that you promise to continue to learn about God and grow in your faith for the rest of your life.

Practicing your faith means that you promise to give your time, talent, and treasure for the growth of the Church, by helping at Mass, in the parish, and in your community the way Jesus taught you to, for the rest of your life.

By signing this commitment and completing the rest of the activities in this last year of completing your initiation into the Church, you are telling Father Tri that he has your word and can promise the Bishop that you intend to remain a Catholic Christian.

You give your promise to Father Tri at the Presentation Mass, and Father Tri gives his promise at the Confirmation Mass.

Sign the next page and give it to Mrs. Acevedo no later than September 27, 2022.

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As a baptized Catholic, I am preparing for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation, by which I will be more perfectly bound to the Catholic Church and enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the Faith as a witness of Christ.

As a candidate for Confirmation, I promise the following:

- I will approach my Confirmation journey with an open mind and an open heart.
- I will attend and will fully participate in all sessions and activities.
- I will be respectful of the leaders and facilitators of the Program and how appreciation for their time and effort.
- I will show respect to those in my class who are on the journey with me.
- I will attend Mass every Sunday and on all holy days of obligation.
- I will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation a week or two before my Confirmation Mass.
- I will accept more responsibility in my family, parish, and community by putting my talents and gifts at the service of others.
- I will commit to daily prayer, praying especially for growth in faith, hope, and love.

As I make these promises, I ask God to give me the grace to be open to His plans for my life – plans He reveals to me in prayer, in my talents and aspirations, and in the encouragement of those who know and love me. I place myself in the loving embrace of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in asking for help in fulfilling this commitment.

Candidate's Printed Name	Candidate's Signature	Date	
Witness: Parent	Witness: Catechetical Team		

For I know the plans I have for you, says THE LORD,

plans for welfare

and not for evil,

to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11