St. Mark's Parish
Cranston, Rhode Island

Confirmation Candidate Pledge

As a candidate for the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation—in which I seek from God the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and entrance into the fullness of the Catholic Church—I pledge to my pastor, Fr. Verdelotti, and to my fellow parishioners the following:

1. I will attend weekly Mass, as well as on Holy Days. I will encourage all those I love to do the same. I realize that as a Catholic this is a promise I make to my Lord Jesus Christ, who came among the human race to teach us, strengthen us and save us from our sins. Jesus Christ remains with us in the Sacraments, especially in Holy Communion. As a Catholic I go to Mass to worship Him with my parish family, in communion with all Catholics throughout the world, and to receive His infinite grace, strength, and wisdom when I receive Holy Communion with a clean and open heart.
2. I will receive the Sacrament of Confession, especially during Advent and Lent, and I will encourage those I love to do likewise.
3. I will pray and work with my parents and sponsor to better understand, and to help teach others about, the adventure of being a member of the Church founded by Jesus Christ.
4. I will be courteous in classes and respect my teachers who out of love for their fellow parishioners, and for Christ, are volunteering their time so that I may learn and grow as a Catholic. I understand that I will be asked to leave class, and possibly the program, if I can not respect others.
5. I will perform assignments asked of me.
6. I will approach my faith with an open mind, understanding that the Gospel and the Tradition of the Church have been given to us by Christ Himself. I understand that these teachings both comfort *and* often challenge all followers of Christ. I understand that God is always seeking to perfect our nature with His grace, and that sometimes this growth can seem difficult. I will accept these challenges and seek to understand and grow by prayerfully asking for the Holy Spirit's help to better love, understand and serve Christ and His Church.
7. While I may not yet fully understand all these words, I seek to explore their meaning and say with conviction that *I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and now sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.*

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Candidate: Print Name **Sign Name** **Date**

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Parent or Sponsor: Print Name **Sign Name** **Date**