

## THE WORDS OF COMMITMENT

***Celebrant:*** *To the Confirmation Candidates*

God has called you to be God's sons and daughters in the sacrament of baptism. You have followed the Light.

Now the way of the gospel opens more fully before you, inviting you to acknowledge God's love for you by asking you to commit yourself to a life of service and love, peace and justice to all. This is the way of faith on which Christ will lovingly guide you to eternal life. Are you ready to enter this journey?

***Candidate:*** I am

***Celebrant:*** Are you willing to accept the Christian community as your environment for experiencing faith and growing in the Spirit?

***Candidate:*** I am

***Celebrant:*** Are you willing to deepen your personal commitment to Jesus Christ and take responsibility for the gifts of the Spirit in order to help build the kingdom of God?

***Candidate:*** I am

***Celebrant:*** To the Confirmation Sponsors

Are you willing to help guide these candidates for confirmation in the name of this Christian community on their journey of the Spirit?

***Sponsor:*** I am

***Celebrant:*** To the Parish Community

Will you continue to renew your faith in the spirit of your own confirmation?

***Community:*** Yes we will.

***Celebrant:*** Will you support these young men and women of our Christian community as they follow Jesus and his gospel?

***Community:*** Yes we will.

***Celebrant:*** Lord of love and mercy, we thank you in the name of our brothers and sisters, who have experienced your guiding presence in their lives. Today, in the presence of your community, they are promising to prepare for your coming in the sacrament of confirmation. (The celebrant now asks the sponsors to place the cross around the candidate's neck.)

Receive the cross of Christ: By this sign of his love, Christ will be your strength. Learn now to know and follow him. Remember that he is your faithful companion as you study, reflect, prepare, and pray.

***Candidates:*** Amen

***Celebrant:*** Lord we pray for those who just received the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. By its power, keep them safe. May they be faithful to the call so that they can live with their beloved Creator in glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

***All:*** Amen