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## Confirmation Pledge 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The 'Pledge' is not in fact a part of the Sacrament or ceremony nevertheless, it has an important place, and the issue of the use and abuse of alcohol and the abuse of drugs is an important one for us all.

We propose to adopt a different approach to the pledge and to emphasize instead a commitment/pledge between the child/parent(s)/God. In doing so, we do not wish to downgrade its importance and value, in fact the very opposite is what we are attempting.

We are asking you and your son/daughter to discuss the subject and come to an agreement on what pledge might be appropriate for your situation. The following are some examples of different pledges:

*Having discussed the pledge with my parents, I promise them, with the help of Almighty God, to:*

**A.** *Abstain from all alcoholic drink until I am \_\_\_\_ years of age.*

**Or**

**B.** *Refrain from drinking alcoholic drink except in the company of one of my parents, until I am 18 years of age.*

**Or**

**C.** *To inform them as soon as possible if I partake in alcoholic drink before I am 18 years of age.*

*I further promise that I will never use, or have anything to do with harmful drugs.*

We ask you to discuss the various options with your daughter/son and to come to an understanding as to what pledge, if any, will be taken. It may be one of the above or indeed any variation of them that your child and yourselves decide on.

We ask that together with your son/daughter you say the attached pledge prayer and seal the pledge until the age you both have agreed upon.

**REMINDER: Talk for children and parents/guardians on Addiction by speakers from Cuan Mhuire, Athy will take place in Cill Mhuire Church on Tuesday 28th February at 7pm.**

Yours sincerely,

Very Rev. R. Ó Domhnaill, PP



# St. Conleth's Parish

NEWBRIDGE

## CONFIRMATION PLEDGE

My Promise made to my parents in association with my receiving the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation I promise my parents that I will



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I ask the Holy Spirit to give me the strength and courage  
I will need to keep my promises.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR THE PARENTS / GUARDIANS

I promise to help my child keep these promises.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_





# St. Conleth's Parish

NEW BRIDGE

## CONFIRMATION PLEDGE PRAYER

*PRAYER TO SAY TOGETHER*

Lord send your Holy Spirit to strengthen me.

Holy Spirit, give me the gift of **wisdom** so that I may make the right decision and know the right way to treat others.

Bless me with the **understanding** that I may not use my talents to hurt or crush others.

Help me with the gift of **right judgement** so that I may know the difference between right and wrong.

Grant me the **courage** to act as Jesus would.

Give me **wonder and awe** that I may respect the earth and those who live in it.

May I have **knowledge** to help me know God more in my heart and know that He is my greatest friend.

Lord thank you for the wonderful gift of my life, and I promise to commit myself to my pledge with all of myself with your help and guidance.

PRECIOUS. HONOURED. LOVED. - ISAIAH 43.4

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