



## SPONSOR AFFIRMATION FORM

To be chosen as a sponsor is a special honor. You represent the Catholic Faith Community and assist the Candidate greatly by bringing Jesus and all He taught to your Candidate. You, above all others, have been entrusted with the responsibility to participate in the candidate's Catholic Christian life and education. This privilege offers you the opportunity to develop a mutually enriching spiritual relationship – one that will last throughout this life and beyond.

There are many ways you can nurture this spiritual relationship and become a special friend to your Candidate. Among them are:

- Celebrate the anniversary of this holy day of baptism/Confirmation each year with a visit or a card. As your Candidate grows, listen to and share in the struggles and triumphs of living a Christian life and keep yourself informed on Catholic doctrine and values to be able to answer questions as they arise.
- Encourage a consistent life of faith through special cards, letters, or gifts, which celebrate holy events – Christmas, Easter, personal growth events, graduation, first job, and engagement.
- If your candidate is a child, be supportive of your Candidate's parents in their role as the primary religious educators of their child.
- **And most importantly**, become a model of Catholic living for your godchild/Confirmand, through daily prayer, virtuous living and active participation in parish life and liturgy, particularly weekly Sunday Mass.

By living a Christian life in partnership with your godchild/Confirmand, both of you will experience the great joy of sharing a life of faith. **Sponsors must meet Canon Law requirements and Diocesan Guidelines which include:**

1. **be not less than sixteen years of age;**
2. **be a fully initiated Catholic who is Baptized, Confirmed, continues to receive the Holy Eucharist, and who is living a sacramental life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken (e.g. attending Mass every Sunday, making use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least annually);**
3. **not labor under a canonical penalty, whether imposed or declared (i.e. a marriage that is not validated in the Catholic Church, or living a life of habitual sin)**
4. **not be either the father or the mother of the person to be Baptized/Confirmed Canon 874.**

### SPONSOR'S COMMITMENT

I understand my commitment to the above and accept the responsibility of being a Confirmation Sponsor for:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Child preparing for Confirmation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Sponsor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Today's Date of Commitment

I HEREBY TESTIFY that \_\_\_\_\_ is a registered member of

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Sponsor

\_\_\_\_\_ **affirms that he/she fulfills all**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of (Sponsor's) Parish, City, State

**the requirements to serve in the ministry of Confirmation Sponsor.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of (Sponsor's) Pastor/Delegate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*(Parish Seal on this page is required.)*