

CHOOSING A SPONSOR (Form due Sept. 29)

Each candidate must have an eligible sponsor. Sponsors are to be spiritual guides for the candidates, as well as witnesses to the Church that the candidates are indeed ready to receive this sacrament. The sponsor's function is to ensure that the person confirmed behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the duties inherent in this sacrament. To be eligible, a sponsor must:

- Intend to fulfill their commitment
- Be at least sixteen years of age
- Be a baptized Catholic who has been confirmed and has received the Blessed Eucharist
- Not be the father or mother of the candidate
- If married, must be married in the Catholic church
- Not to be under any canonical penalty; i.e, not be excommunicated, living in a state of mortal sin, etc.

The church says it is desirable that the sponsor chosen be the one who undertook this role at baptism, their godparent. It is important that the sponsors participate in the preparation program. The Confirmation rehearsal and the Confirmation Mass are mandatory requirements for the sponsor (a proxy is allowed if the sponsor is unable to attend these events). The role of the sponsor is more than just an honorary position. It should be someone who can be a guide for the candidate through the entire preparation process. Sponsors and Confirmation Saint names will be discussed in class.

St. Vincent de Paul Church

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Confirmation Sponsor Affidavit (Due Sept. 29 for Revelation)

Name of Sponsor _____

Address _____

Child to be Confirmed _____

Scheduled Confirmation date (if known) _____

FROM THE CODE OF CANON LAW: SPONSOR FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION MUST BE CATHOLICS WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED AND CONFIRMED AND HAVE RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST. THEY MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND MUST LEAD A LIFE IN HARMONY WITH THE FAITH IN KEEPING WITH THE FUNCTION TO BE UNDERTAKEN (CANON #874 & #893)

I am a parishioner at St. Vincent de Paul **YES**

NO – I'm a parishioner at _____

Please initial the affirmations that apply

_____ I **am** at least 16 years of age

_____ I **have** celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation

_____ I **am** single.

_____ I **am** in a valid Catholic marriage (celebrated in the Catholic Church)

_____ I **participate** in Sunday Mass regularly

_____ I **shall** give Christian witness to and pray for the person I am sponsoring

_____ I **understand** the responsibility I am undertaking and have both the desire and intention to fulfill it faithfully

Signature of Sponsor _____

Today's Date _____