



# Prince of Peace Catholic Church Religious Education Office

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## WITNESS TO THE SUITABILITY OF A SPONSOR FOR CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is the sacrament by which the life of God communicated through Baptism may be brought to fulfillment by the sealing of the Holy Spirit. As in Baptism, the Church requires that a child is to have godparents to support its early life in the faith, so it calls for the Confirmation candidate to have the example of a living model of Catholic fidelity for guidance in the adult years. As such, then, the sponsor has a very important responsibility to fulfill in the development of the candidate's faith. The sponsor (1) **must be a practicing Catholic who witnesses, prays, and celebrates Mass and the sacraments regularly**; (2) is a **real friend**, someone whom you can trust and confide in, someone who is "**there**" when needed, the kind of person you would like to be; (3) is a **guide**, a good "listener" who is ready to give advice when asked, one whose experience as a practicing Catholic is an invaluable source for helping you make decisions about your own life as a Catholic; (4) **takes an interest** in the program you are following and will be ready to accept the invitations you send to take part, when possible, in the special liturgies celebrated during the preparation program; (5) **knows you well enough** to say before the parish when the time comes that you are someone who is choosing freely to celebrate Confirmation.

\_\_\_\_\_ has accepted the responsibility of being  
(Sponsor's Name)

Confirmation sponsor for \_\_\_\_\_. In my judgement,  
(Candidate's Name)

he/she is able to fulfill this task worthily.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Pastor or Representative)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Parish)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)