

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS

St. Peter Catholic Church

Sponsor Testimonial for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Return by October 10, 2019

Date: ___/___/___

Name Person to be Confirmed:

First

Middle

Last

Proposed Date of Confirmation: ___/___/___

Criteria to Serve as a Sponsor for Confirmation

1. The Sponsor must be a Catholic in good standing with the Church who has been Confirmed and regularly practices his/her Catholic faith.
2. The Sponsor must be at least sixteen years of age.
3. If married, the Sponsor must be in a marriage recognized as valid by the Catholic Church. Person may not be cohabiting (living together without marriage).
4. If not previously attended, the Sponsor will attend appropriate preparation for fulfilling this role (Confirmation seminar, etc.)

Statement of Confirmation Sponsor

"I meet the above-stated criteria to serve as a Sponsor, and I will do all in my power to assist the parents of this child to raise their child in the Catholic faith, or - if an adult - to assist him/her in living faithfully as a Catholic Christian."

By signing below, the proposed Sponsor solemnly swears that he or she has read the above criteria, and that the statement above is a true and correct indication of his/her intentions.

Confirmation Sponsor's Signature _____

Confirmation Sponsor's Name Printed _____

Signature of Pastor or Delegate

(In Parish where Sacrament is to be celebrated)

7.5 SPONSORS (Code of Canon Law 892-893)

7.5.2. In order for a person to be a Sponsor he/she must:

a. be designated by the one to be confirmed, by the parents or the person who takes their place. If necessary, the pastor may be requested to select a Sponsor for the Confirmand;

b. be a Catholic who has celebrated Confirmation thus becoming fully initiated into the life of the Church;

c. be living in harmony with the Catholic faith and understand the role of a Sponsor;

d. Not be bound by any canonical penalty;

e. Not be the parents, natural or adoptive, of the person being confirmed (cf. canons 893 & 874); and

f. Be active in the Church and can serve as a model of faith.

7.5.3. In order to highlight the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation, it is appropriate to choose as Sponsor the one who undertook the same function in Baptism (canon 893 §2).

7.5.4 In order to standardize the process parishes use to certify that Sponsors meet the requirements of canon law a Testimonial Form is attached for use in all parishes of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. This allows pastors and coordinators of Confirmation to take the Sponsors 'at the word of their sworn statements' and eliminates the need for any other attestations regarding their 'good standing' in the Church, reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation, etc.