



Please return this Sponsor Certificate to:
Saint Lawrence Church
1 East Union Street
Goffstown, NH 03045
Phone (603) 497-2651

Sponsor Certification
Circle One: Confirmation or Baptism

It is a great honor and privilege to be chosen as a sponsor.

By initialing the following statements, I solemnly swear they are true.

_____ I realize that I assume a great responsibility before God and Church in becoming a sponsor. I promise to support, guide, encourage and mentor _____ (Full Candidate's name) by my prayers and most especially by my own Catholic example of my daily life.

_____ I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. My Confirmation Church Name is _____

_____ I attend Mass, receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, and I am a registered parishioner at _____ Parish.

_____ I have attained the required minimum age of 16 years, I am not married invalidly outside the Catholic Church, and I am not the parent of the candidate.

_____ Sponsor's Printed Name _____ Sponsor's Signature

_____ Sponsor's Mailing Address

_____ Date

Priest Certification

The above mentioned person is a registered, active parishioner of my parish, and to the best of my knowledge is able to assume the responsibility he/she has agreed to accept.

_____ Pastor's Signature

Parish Name, Complete Address and Telephone Number:

Parish Seal

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION CODE OF CANON LAW

Can 873 (Baptism)

1. There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each.

Can. 874

1. To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor a person must:

A. be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the pastor or minister and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function.

B. have completed the sixteenth year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause;

C. be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;

D. not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared; not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.

2. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community is not to participate except together with a Catholic sponsor and then only as a witness of the baptism.

Can. 893 (Confirmation)

1. To perform the function of sponsor, a person must fulfill the conditions mentioned in Can. 874.

2. It is desirable to choose as sponsor the one who undertook the same function in baptism.