

**St. Stephen Parish**  
**Ministry of Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation**  
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<b>**Due Date:</b> <b>Sponsor Meeting in October</b>
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**CONFIRMATION 2020 SPONSOR FORM**

The following person is preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Stephen Parish:

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Name of Person to be Confirmed

Sponsor's

Full Name: -----

Address: -----

Phone Number: -----

Email Address: -----

Current Parish: -----

(Arch)Diocese of: -----

Address & Phone: -----

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Is the sponsor you have chosen also one of your Baptismal Godparents? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
(Sponsor is ideally a Baptismal Godparent, and may not be the Parent of the Candidate to be Confirmed. Please see back for more information)

**SPONSOR: This portion to be completed at *your* parish:**

The Pastor, or his representative, certifies that the above named person who will be acting as Confirmation Sponsor is a registered member of this parish and is a Catholic in good standing. In ascertaining the spiritual qualifications of a sponsor, please consider: The sponsor is a male or female other than a parent of at least 16 years of age, is sufficiently mature, a practicing Catholic, has him/herself been Confirmed and has not been prohibited from exercising the role of sponsor. In addition, the intended sponsor is an active witness to their faith and is able to perform the duties of sponsor.

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Signed

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Title

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Date

[Parish Seal]

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# **CANON LAW RELATED TO CONFIRMATION**

## **CHAPTER IV : SPONSORS**

Can. 892 As far as possible the person to be confirmed is to have a sponsor. The sponsor's function is to take care that the person confirmed behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the duties inherent in this sacrament.

Can. 893

§1 A person who would undertake the office of sponsor must fulfill the conditions mentioned in can. 874 which reads:

*§1 To be admitted to undertake the office of sponsor, a person must:*

*1° be appointed by the candidate for baptism, or by the parents or whoever stands in their place, or failing these, by the parish priest or the minister; to be appointed the person must be suitable for this role and have the intention of fulfilling it;*

*2° be not less than sixteen years of age, unless a different age has been stipulated by the diocesan Bishop, or unless the parish priest or the minister considers that there is a just reason for an exception to be made;*

*3° be a catholic who has been confirmed and has received the blessed Eucharist, and who lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken;*

*4° not labor under a canonical penalty, whether imposed or declared;*

*5° not be either the father or the mother of the person to be baptized/Confirmed.*

*§2 A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may be admitted only in company with a catholic sponsor, and then simply as a witness to the baptism.*

§2 It is desirable that the sponsor chosen be the one who undertook this role at Baptism.