

## CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

Choosing Your Sponsor—It is a very ancient custom of the Church that candidates for Confirmation select a sponsor who will help them persevere in the faith. They represent the Christian community and are to see that the newly confirmed act as true witnesses of Christ living out the obligations of the Sacrament.

When choosing a sponsor for yourself please ask:

- Why am I choosing this person?
- Does he/she share and live his/her Catholic faith?
- Is he/she mature, confirmed, and practicing his/her faith?
- Does this person exhibit his/her commitment to Christ and the Church?
- Does the person have knowledge of his/her faith?

You should not make this decision simply based on friendship or to repay a favor. Your sponsor shows you how to live the Catholic faith by their example. Please pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance. If your sponsor cannot be present for the Confirmation ceremony, you will have to choose a proxy. The qualifications for a proxy are the same as those required for a sponsor. The proxy must also obtain certification from the parish in which he or she is registered. The requirements of the church for serving as sponsor are:

- The person designated is at least 16 years of age.
- The person designated is confirmed.
- The person designated partakes in the Eucharist, lives in accord with Church teaching including Her moral expectations, and actively practices their Faith.
- The person designated is Catholic.
- The person designated CANNOT be your mother or father.
- It is desirable that the person who undertook the role of Godparent at Baptism should also be designated sponsor at Confirmation.
- The person designated must obtain certification to be your sponsor. See the information below.

Confirmation Sponsor Certification: Your sponsor must go to their parish and present the form titled, "Confirmation Sponsor Certification", to their parish priest. He will sign the document and affix that parish's seal testifying that he/she meets all the requirements of a sponsor.

## CONFIRMATION SPONSOR CERTIFICATION

**Please print clearly (info will be used to fill out registry and certificate)**

NAME OF CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS:

1. The sponsor must be 16 years of age or older.
2. He/she has received Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
3. He/she is a practicing Catholic who can receive Eucharist (Communion) at Mass.
4. If married, he/she is married in the Catholic Church, or if single, he/she is not cohabiting.
5. He/she is not the parent of the Confirmation candidate.

**NAME OF SPONSOR AS IT SHOULD APPEAR IN REGISTRY & ON CERTIFICATE:**

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I meet all the requirements and will have this form signed by my own parish priest.

Sponsor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

My relationship to the candidate \_\_\_\_\_

**THE FOLLOWING IS TO BE COMPLETED BY SPONSOR'S PARISH PRIEST:**

The sponsor above is a member of our parish, and to the best of my knowledge, is a practicing Catholic in good standing and qualified to act as a Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Priest

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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