



Holy Family Catholic Church

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For your Confirmation Sponsor

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Sponsor Certificate and Verification

(to be completed by sponsor's parish)

THIS IS TO CERTIFY

THAT _____
(Name of Sponsor)

IS A MEMBER OF THIS PARISH AND IS A PRACTICING CATHOLIC AND IS QUALIFIED TO
ACT AS A SPONSOR FOR

(Name of Candidate)

FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.

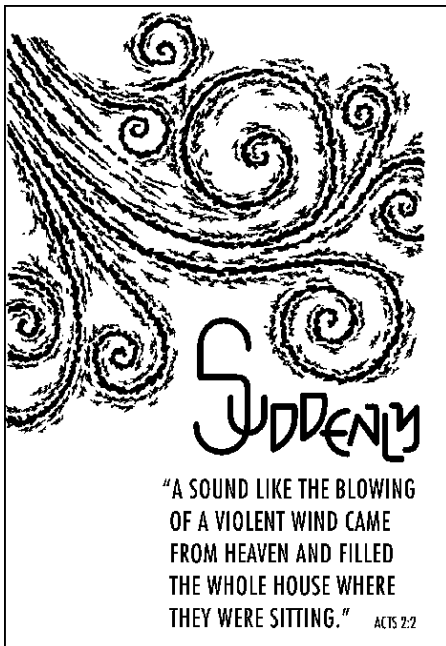
REV. _____

CHURCH OF _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

DATE _____



PLEASE NOTE:

- 1. BAPTISM GODPARENTS ARE SUGGESTED TO CONTINUE IN THE ROLE OF CONFIRMATION SPONSOR.**
- 2. PARENTS MAY NOT ACT AS SPONSORS. THEY MAY ACT AS PROXY IN THE ABSENCE OF THE NAMED SPONSOR.**

Please return completed form to:

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Deadline: November 15, 2011

Parish Seal

Confirmation Sponsor

Excerpted from **Confirmation Details of the Diocese of Saint Augustine** (revised November, 1997)

"Each candidate is to have a sponsor. It is the responsibility of the sponsor to assist the candidate in their faith journey and encourage the confirmed person to mature in Christian faith and witness."

1. "To be admitted to the role of sponsor a person must:
 - a. Be designated by the one confirmed
 - b. Be at least 16 years of age
 - c. Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and admitted to the Eucharist as well as one who leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role undertaken as sponsor"
2. "Sponsors unknown to the pastor are to provide written evidence from their Parish that they fulfill these requirements."
3. "The rite suggests the sponsor of Baptism continue in this role at Confirmation.
4. "Parents may not act as sponsors. They may act as proxy in the absence of the licit sponsor."

Parish Guidelines for Confirmation Sponsors:

The person chosen as sponsor by the candidate has a role before and after the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation:

1. Sponsorship is an official designated ministry of the Rite of Christian Initiation. Sponsorship is seen by the church as a ministry of accompaniment, encouragement, witness and support. Effective fulfillment of this ministry demands a high degree of personal commitment. Sponsors should be chosen on the basis of the quality of their Christian lives. In church teaching, the relationship between the sponsor and the candidate is considered as sacramental and of a lasting character and guidance for support of the newly confirmed.
2. Prior to Confirmation, sponsors are expected to spend time, correspond with the candidates or converse with the candidates by telephone to help them accept a more mature role in the life and mission of the church.
3. Sponsors should be available to commit personal time to the candidate and be willing to provide example, support and guidance following the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.
4. Sponsors are asked to pray daily for the candidates.
5. Sponsors are to attend the rehearsal for the Rite of Confirmation with the candidate.
6. Candidates need only one sponsor.



SPONSOR'S PRAYER

WELCOMING LORD, STAND BY ME.
FAVOR ME WITH INSIGHT INTO HEARTS
HUNGRY FOR WELCOME,
WITH HOSPITALITY TO ACCEPT AND RESPECT
THE GIFTS THEY BEAR,
WITH GENEROSITY TO SHARE MY GIFTS,
WITH FAITH TO SHARE THE GIFT THAT IS YOU.

FILL ME WITH YOUR POWERFUL SPIRIT
THAT I MIGHT LEAD, GUIDE, SPONSOR,
AND SUPPORT.
SPEAK YOUR LIVING WORD TO ME
AND TO THE ONE I SPONSOR
ALONG YOUR WAY.
AND WHEN I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY,
KEEP ME QUIET, LORD,
AND LET YOUR SPIRIT DO THE TALKING.

AMEN.