



St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church

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Sponsor Certification Form for Confirmation

Please print:

I, _____, have been asked to be a sponsor for _____
_____. I understand and accept the responsibility that I undertake as a sponsor, and I promise to be a support and example in his/her effort to live a life according to the teachings of the Catholic Faith.

Sponsor's Name (Please print): _____

Sponsor's Email: _____

Sponsor's Address (Street/City/State/Zip): _____

Sponsor's Cell Phone #: _____

Relationship to Candidate: _____

Sponsor: I am a registered and participating member of the following Parish:

Sponsor's Parish: Address (Street/City/State/Zip): _____

Sponsor's Parish: phone #: _____

Sponsor: I affirm that:

- I am not the parent of the above-mentioned teen.
- I am a practicing Roman Catholic who has celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- I attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- I am free from all Canonical impediments.
- If married: I am validly married according to the norms of the Catholic Church.
- If unmarried: I am not living with another person in a romantic relationship or as a couple.
- I participate in the life of my parish.
- I am at least 16 years of age.

Sponsor's Signature

Date

Certification by the Sponsor's Pastor

(Only required if Sponsor is not a registered St. Michael the Archangel parishioner).

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, this person is capable of assuming the duties and responsibilities of a sponsor.

Parish Seal

Pastor's Signature

Date

(Sponsors: Please return this form to the candidate (teen) or have your parish office fax or email it to the RE Office – numbers/email listed at top of form). This form is due by October 31.

Selecting a Sponsor

Archdiocese of Atlanta Qualifications of a Confirmation Sponsor:

(These requirements are aimed at making sure that a sponsor is more mature, informed, and experienced in the ways of our faith and culture than the candidate).

- A sponsor assists the person, who is to receive Confirmation, to lead a Christian life
- There may be only one male or female sponsor
- A sponsor must have completed his or her 16th year
- A sponsor must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist
- A sponsor must be a practicing Catholic
- A sponsor must be free of any canonical penalty
- A mother or father may not be a sponsor for their child

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The sponsor has an important role in Confirmation-supporting the candidate and the candidate's parents as the candidate prepares for Confirmation.

Qualities of a Sponsor:

- Already has a relationship of trust with the candidate
- Is willing to regularly interact with the candidate as he or she prepares to celebrate Confirmation and to help the candidate grow in his or her understanding of the faith
- Is prepared to accompany the candidate on his or her faith journey after Confirmation
- Is willing to participate in service projects with the candidate
- Is an older friend or relative in whom the candidate can confide
- Is willing to share their own faith experiences, including struggles they may have encountered on their faith journey

NOTES:

- "Candidate": the person (teen) preparing to be Confirmed
- If your Confirmation Sponsor is unable to attend the Confirmation Mass, a proxy (a parent or other adult) may attend instead.

Please have your Sponsor complete the Sponsor Certification Form (previous page).

**Please return this form to your Catechist (teacher) or
the Religious Education Office by **October 31**.**

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