

SAINT LAURENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

# **CONFIRMATION**

# **SPONSOR COMMITMENT**

Sponsors represent in a personal way the witness and support of the parish community. Sponsors should be mature persons of faith who are highly convinced that their faith makes a difference in their lives. The sponsor should participate in the candidate's preparation, as well as the celebration.

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Full Name of Confirmation Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Relationship to Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a practicing Catholic in both word and deed:    Yes     No

I am fully initiated in the Catholic Church:    Yes     No

Marital Status (click on box):

Single     Married     Divorced     Divorced & Remarried

*\*If married, were you married according to the laws of the Catholic Church – specifically, married before a Roman Catholic priest/deacon and two witnesses?*

Yes     No

*\*If divorced and remarried, did you receive an annulment for the prior marriage?*

Yes     No

***If you answered "No" to any of the above statements or do not attend Mass on a regular basis, then you are ineligible to be a sponsor at this time.***

## The Role of a Sponsor

- A sponsor is to be present at the Confirmation Mass in order to support and represent the expansion of the spiritual family to the one to be confirmed.
- A sponsor is to be a role model of Christian living for the candidate, through daily prayer, virtue, and active participation in parish life and liturgy.
- A sponsor will nurture a close personal and spiritual relationship with the candidate during the Confirmation preparation year and throughout his/her lifetime. The sponsor is encouraged to celebrate the anniversary of the teen's Confirmation each year with a visit, a call, or a card.
- A sponsor will listen to and share in the candidate's maturing struggles and triumphs in living a Christian life, and keep informed on Catholic Christian doctrine and values to be able to answer questions when they arise.

## Confirmation Sponsor's Agreement

- ❖ I, (printed name) \_\_\_\_\_ affirm that I am a practicing Catholic who is at least 16 years old and have received the three sacraments of Initiation in the Roman Catholic Church: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation and lead a life in harmony with the Catholic faith and the role to be undertaken. (Canon 874,#1,2)
- ❖ I participate weekly in Sunday Mass and give witness to my faith in Jesus Christ. I actively strive to live out my commitment to Christ and to the community life of the Catholic Church.
- ❖ I am not bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared. [e.g. if married, must be married before a Roman Catholic priest/deacon and two witnesses] (Canon 874 #3,4)
- ❖ I am not the father or mother of the one to be confirmed. (Canon 874,#5)
- ❖ I will maintain regular and continual contact with the candidate to be sure of his/her readiness to receive the sacrament of Confirmation to enter the Church as a fully initiated adult.
- ❖ I will encourage the candidate to recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit in his/her life, to reflect on the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and to pray daily.
- ❖ I will pray for the candidate that the truths of our faith will always guide and direct his/her life.

**I understand and accept the role and responsibilities of sponsor for the sacrament of Confirmation and I solemnly affirm my adherence to all of these by my signature below.**

**Sponsor Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_