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CONFIRMATION SPONSOR PACKET

Due by March 8th 2015

THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SPONSOR

1. A sponsor must have received all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation) **MUST ATTACH COPY OF CURRENT BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE**
2. If married, a sponsor must be married in the Catholic Church. **ATTACH COPY OF SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.**
3. A sponsor must be a practicing Catholic, who is not less than sixteen years of age. (Code of Canon Law 874)
4. A sponsor may not be the candidate's mother or father. A godparent is a good choice because it ties Baptism and Confirmation together.
5. The sponsor must have the intention of fulfilling the duties of a sponsor (below).
6. The sponsor should be a person who is prayerful, open, dependable, and is comfortable sharing his or her faith with others.

ROLE OF THE SPONSOR

The sponsor represents the prayers and support of the entire Church. He/she will be the candidate's "spiritual friend." In this program, the following is asked of the sponsor.

1. Attend the Confirmation rehearsal.
2. Attend the Liturgy of Confirmation.
3. To meet with or talk on the phone with the candidate regularly throughout the preparation time and to discuss the topics addressed in the preparation sessions.
4. To share his/her faith story with the candidate.
5. Pray for and with the candidate.
6. Present the candidate during the Confirmation Rite.
7. Continue to be there for the candidate and lend spiritual support after the Confirmation ceremony is over. (Suggestion: send a card or note every year on the anniversary of his/her Confirmation.)

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR FORM

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CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE'S NAME: _____

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE

I understand that a sponsor for Confirmation is an important choice. He or she will be my guide during the coming year as I prepare to become a fully initiated member of my church and the Catholic faith. Therefore, I know that I must choose a person who is an active, faithful Catholic Christian who will be a good example and guide for me.

SPONSOR'S INFORMATION

Sponsor's Name

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone

Sponsor's relationship to Candidate

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF FAITH

I, _____ recognize that as a sponsor for this sacrament, I am committed to keep God's commandments as Jesus has taught us: To worship God through prayer and faithfully attend Sunday Mass and to also strive to translate my faith into good examples and works. I hereby state that I am: A Baptized, Confirmed Catholic; A registered member of _____ Parish in _____ (city, State).

I am ___ Single, **or** ___ Married according to the laws of the Church. I swear that all the statements above are true. I also promise to assist this candidate both before and after the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

SIGNATURE OF SPONSOR: _____ DATE: _____

SPONSOR'S PARISH CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that to the best of my knowledge, _____
(Sponsor's Name)

Is a registered member of this parish,
Is an active member of this parish,
Is a regular participant in Sunday Liturgy,
And is a Catholic in good standing.

Pastor's Signature

Date

Parish

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

*"In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory."
-Ephesians 1:13-14*

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