

Church of the  Blessed Sacrament

SPONSOR FORM

This section is to be completed by the sponsor:

I have been asked to be a sponsor for _____
Name of candidate/godchild
for the Sacrament of *(please circle)* Baptism Confirmation

I recognize that in order to serve as a sponsor all of the following must apply. *(Please initial)*

- _____ I am a Catholic who has been baptized, received Holy Communion, and been confirmed.
- _____ I am at least 16 years of age and not a parent of the individual to be baptized or confirmed.
- _____ I regularly attend Sunday Mass.
- _____ I believe and follow the teachings of the Magisterium of the Catholic Church.
- _____ If married, my marriage has been validated by the Catholic Church or was witnessed by a priest or deacon, or I received dispensation to be married in another church.
- _____ If single, I live a chaste life.
- _____ I am committed to supporting my candidate/godchild through my continued interest in his/her spiritual growth, my prayers for him/her, and my daily example as a true witness of Christ and a model of Christian living, and I agree to assist, inspire, and teach him/her about the Catholic faith.

I accept these responsibilities and testify that I fulfill the requirements stated above:

Name: First Middle (Maiden) Last

Address City/State/Zip

Primary Phone Email

Signature of sponsor Date

This section is to be completed by sponsor's parish:

I affirm that the above-mentioned fulfills all the requirements to serve in the ministry of sponsor and is a registered member of _____
Parish City/ State

Signature of Pastor Date
[Apply parish seal.]

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CODE OF CANON LAW

Chapter IV

Sponsors for Baptism

Can. 872 Insofar as possible, a person to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who assists an adult in Christian initiation or together with the parents presents an infant for baptism. A sponsor also helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it.

Can. 873 There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each.

Can. 874

§ 1. To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor a person must:

- 1/ be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the pastor or minister and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function;
- 2/ have completed the sixteenth year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause;
- 3/ be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;
- 4/ not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
- 5/ not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.

§2. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community is not to participate except together with a Catholic sponsor and then only as a witness of baptism.

Sponsors for Confirmation

Can. 892 Insofar as possible, there is to be a sponsor for the person to be confirmed; the sponsor is to take care that the confirmed person behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations inherent in this sacrament.

Can. 893

§1. To perform the function of sponsor, a person must fulfill the conditions mentioned in can. 874.

§2. It is desirable to choose as sponsor the one who undertook the same function in baptism