



## RCIA Sponsors

*Thank you for your willingness to mentor this member of our Adult Confirmation program.  
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### Choosing a Sponsor

The role of sponsor is much more than honorary; it is a lifelong commitment in this person's faith journey. The sponsor is to remain involved in their life and journey. The person chosen as a sponsor should be:

- † A person that will pray for the candidate regularly.
- † A real friend; someone the candidate can trust and confide in; someone who can be there when needed.
- † Someone the candidate would like to model his/her life after.
- † A person whose experience as a Catholic is an invaluable source for helping model one's life as a Catholic.
- † A person who is interested in the candidate's Sacramental preparation and willing to participate in the retreat, rehearsal and liturgical celebrations during the preparation program.
- † A person whose relationship with the candidate will continue after receiving their Initiation Sacraments

### Qualifications for Sponsor

- † Must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic who attends Sunday and Holy Day masses regularly and participates in the Sacramental life of the Church.
- † Must be sufficiently mature to fulfill their function as a sponsor (encourage minimum age is 18)
- † Sponsor may be male or female
- † Married sponsors must be in a valid Catholic marriage.
- † Must be a person who is an example and a witness of the Catholic faith in word and action.
- † Must be friendly, trustworthy, and a good listener.
- † Must be one who will attend liturgical celebrations, meetings, rehearsals, and Easter Vigil where the candidate will receive their Initiation Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist.
- † Only one sponsor is required and cannot be a parent or spouse of the candidate.

### Expectations of the Sponsor

- † Attend Mass & classes with the candidate as needed.
- † Bring candidate to the retreat, rehearsals & Rites & Easter Vigil with the candidate.
- † Encourage and assist the candidate to grow in knowledge, prayer, service, and worship.
- † Participate in other parish activities of the process, if needed.

Note: It is beneficial if sponsors live locally to attend special events together, however, IF unable to find a local sponsor, we will help you find one. The **SPONSOR must be present at Easter Vigil Mass & the rehearsal Saturday morning beforehand.** Jan 2020

**ST. MARTIN DE PORRES CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**RCIA SPONSOR FORM**

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Name of RCIA Catechumen or Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parish you attend & are registered: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

I attend Mass:  Weekly  Every other week  Once a month  Occasionally  Never

What is your relationship to the candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

**Sacraments: Need COPY of Baptism/Confirmation & Catholic Marriage Certificate & Parish Registration Letter**

Have you been baptized? Yes No

Have you received First Reconciliation? Yes No

Have you received First Eucharist? Yes No

Have you been Confirmed? Yes No

Church of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Church of Confirmation \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Are you Married? Yes No

If married, were you married in the Catholic Church? Yes No

I am prepared to assist the person I am sponsoring in living the Christian life by my own actions, concern and encouragement. I will do my best to attend the Candidate/Sponsor events and Rite & Easter Vigil rehearsals, and in my absence, I will make sure that Coordinator & candidate are notified to find a substitute. I will attend the Easter Vigil Mass.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Sponsor

**Parish Registration Letter**

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is a registered, ACTIVE parishioner of \_\_\_\_\_ Parish. Below is the signature of the pastor/parochial vicar attesting to my good standing at the parish with the parish seal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Pastors Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parish Seal