

Saint Christopher & Saint Sylvia Religious Education

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I realize that as a Sponsor for Confirmation, I am being called to give good example to my candidate and to help him/her to see, in me, what it means to be a practicing and involved member of the Catholic Church. I am willing to do this and so testify that I am: who will look to you for guidance and support. In order to accept this responsibility, there are certain requirements of Church Law, which you must fulfill.

- ___ *A Baptized and Confirmed Catholic.*
- ___ *a member of _____ Parish.*
- ___ *a weekly participate at Sunday Mass and receive the sacraments regularly.*
- ___ *a believer in Jesus and His teachings which I have come to know through the Scriptures and the Church.*
- ___ *willing to live by these teachings and help my Candidate _____ in the journey of faith that we are making together.*

Sponsor's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
(Please sign in front of Parish Clergy)

PLEASE PRINT NAME HERE: _____

PARISH PRIEST TO FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING:

STATEMENT BY CLERGY

To the best of my knowledge, _____
(Name of Sponsor)

- ___ is a member of our Parish
- ___ attends Mass regularly
- ___ participates in the sacramental life of the Church
- ___ is qualified to be sponsor for Confirmation
- ___ is not ready at present to be a sponsor, but has promised to return to the sacraments and active participation in the Church, and upon fulfillment of this promise, I would be willing to recommend him/her as a sponsor.

Comments: _____

Signature of Pastor, Parochial Vicar, Deacon: _____

Date: _____

Church of: _____

Address: _____

CHURCH SEAL

From: THE CODE OF CANON LAW,
(Effective First Sunday of Advent 1983)

Excerpt from Page 161 & 164, book IV, sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation
SPONSORS

Can. 872

If so far as possible, a person being baptized is to be given a sponsor who is to assist an adult in Christian initiation, or, together with the parents, to present an infant at the baptism, and who will help the baptized person to lead a Christian life and to fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it.

Can. 874

A. To be admitted to the role of sponsor, a person must:

1. be designated by one to be baptized, by the parents of the one who takes their place or, in their absence, by the pastor or minister and is to have the qualifications and intention of performing this role;
2. have completed the sixteenth year, unless a different age has been established by the diocesan bishop or it seems to the pastor or minister that an exception is to be made for a just cause.
3. be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken;
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;

B. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may not be admitted, except as a Christian witness to baptism and together with a Catholic sponsor.

Can. 892

As far as possible a sponsor for one to be confirmed should be present; it is for the Sponsor to see that the confirmed person acts as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations connected with this sacrament.

Can. 893

1. To perform the role of sponsor, it is necessary that a person fulfill the Conditions mentioned in Can 874.
2. It is desirable that the one who undertook the role of sponsor at Baptism be sponsor for Confirmation.