

Choosing Sponsors

The responsibility assumed by a Confirmation Sponsor is not one to be taken lightly, and each Confirmation Candidate is encouraged to choose carefully. The Church requires that Confirmation Sponsors be practicing Catholics who have completed their sixteenth (16th) year, have been Confirmed, have received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and who are in good standing with the Church. If a sponsor is married, the marriage must be valid and recognized by the Church. Parents may not be Sponsors for their own children. While spouses are allowed to be sponsors, it is not recommended that they serve in this capacity, since the role of a sponsor is that of being a role model and initiator into the community, and thus different from the role of a spouse.

Confirmation Sponsor's Role

- Will take the role seriously and be present at the rite (date) so that they make their commitment publicly.
- Will be part of a special bond with the family and be ready to help the Candidate in his/her Catholic Christian formation.
- Will be a source of guidance, support, prayer and inspiration for the Candidate on his or her journey toward God.
- Will be ready to speak for the Church, an assembly of baptized people, as well as for themselves.
- Will be willing to have a special relationship with the Candidate and to enjoy the candidate's own developing faith and gifts.
- Will pray for the Candidate, especially when separated.

Parish Name Here

Adult Confirmation Sponsor Certificate

Confirmation Candidate's Name: _____

Sponsor Name: _____
(please print)

Sponsor Address: _____

Telephone: _____ (Home) _____ (Work)

E-Mail Address: _____

Present Parish: _____

I affirm that:

- I have received the three sacraments of Initiation in the Roman Catholic Church: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
- I regularly participate 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 church.
- I am not bound by any canonical penalties.
- I understand and accept the responsibilities of being a sponsor in the sacrament of Confirmation. I will maintain regular and continuing contact with the candidate so I can be sure of the readiness of the candidate for the day s/he enters the Church as a full initiated adult. I will encourage the candidate to recognize the Presence of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives, reflect on the Good news of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to pray daily. I will remember to pray for myself and the candidate that the truths of our faith will always guide and direct our actions as s/he enters into the fullness of community in the Catholic faith.

Sponsor Signature _____ Date _____