



Confirmation Sponsor Form

Sponsor Name: _____

Sponsor Email Address: _____

Confirmation Candidate's Name: _____

I certify that the above sponsor meets the following requirements.

- Sponsor is a confirmed Catholic
- Sponsor is at least 16 years old
- Sponsor is a practicing member and in good standing with the Church
- Sponsor is not a parent of the candidate
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Signature of Pastor

Date

Sponsor Parish Name

Please submit this form with all information **including** the signature of your sponsor's pastor and the name of your sponsor's parish.

Due: March 1, 2018

The Role of the Sponsor

A confirmation sponsor is a person of faith who is acquainted with the candidate and takes personal interest in the candidate's physical, emotional, and above all, spiritual development. As a friend or relative of the candidate, the sponsor should be present to the candidate as he or she walks the journey of faith.

Obviously, the confirmation sponsor must be a Catholic who has already been fully initiated, which means he or she has received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. The sponsor should be a person of faith and a person who practices his or her Catholic faith on a regular basis. He/She must be of the age 16 or older and in good standing with the church.

The sponsor should nurture the relationship with the candidate. This should be done first and foremost by providing positive witness to the faith. Then there are many things that sponsors and candidates can do together. They can attend Mass together, talk about faith, pray together, share phone calls, celebrate significant events, work on service oriented projects, occasionally go out to eat together. The sponsor is above all a support and spiritual guide for the candidate.

Being a sponsor for confirmation is a great honor that comes with great responsibility. Candidates should be encouraged to select a sponsor who will be there for them and walk with them on the journey of faith. Take the time to talk to your candidate, review with them the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Speak with them that they are now really becoming a full member of the church and that formation is ongoing...life-long.

"This is what the Lord requires of you: to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."

Micah 6:8