

Candidate's Name: _____

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS

SPONSORS

Candidates for Confirmation fittingly seek the spiritual help of a sponsor. The selection of a Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation should be done with careful thought and consideration. Each candidate is asked to choose a practicing adult member of the Catholic community who will walk with you and help you to celebrate Confirmation. The sponsor represents the believing Catholic community and should be seen as a life-long role model and guide for the Candidate.

According to Canon Law the Confirmation Sponsor must be:

- A Confirmed Catholic not less than 16 years of age to take on the role of a sponsor. (Note: The sponsor's gender need not be the same as that of the candidates.)
- Active in his/her faith and Christian life. Active participation means that the sponsor regularly attends Mass and is involved in the life of his/her parish.
- A person suitable for the role and intent to fulfill it, preferably one of the Baptismal Godparents or someone outside the immediate family. **Parents may not be a sponsor for their own child.**

A practicing adult Catholic is one who is registered as a member of a parish and regularly attends Sunday Mass. The priest of the parish where the sponsor is registered is bound in conscience and in Canon Law to refuse to give a sponsor certificate to anyone lacking these requirements. **Sponsor certificates are required from ALL sponsors PRIOR to Confirmation, including from those sponsors who are registered members of your own parish.** Please consider the above requirements before asking someone to serve in this capacity to avoid any embarrassment. If any clarification is needed, please speak to a priest or call the Parish Office. *See attached "sample" certificate.*

*Please have your sponsor contact his/her parish to obtain the Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility by December 31, 2019.
(This form does NOT take the place of the Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility.)*

Sponsor Information

Sponsor Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Sponsor's Phone: _____ (home or cell)

Sponsor's email: _____

Sponsor's Parish: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

My sponsor meets all of the requirements as outlined above and will obtain a Certificate of Eligibility by December 31, 2019.

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CONFIRMATION SPONSOR INTERVIEW

1. Sponsor's name and Parish _____

2. How is your sponsor a model of our Catholic faith? _____

3. What does he/she remember about his/her Confirmation? _____

4. How old was your sponsor when he/she received Confirmation? _____

5. Who was their sponsor? _____

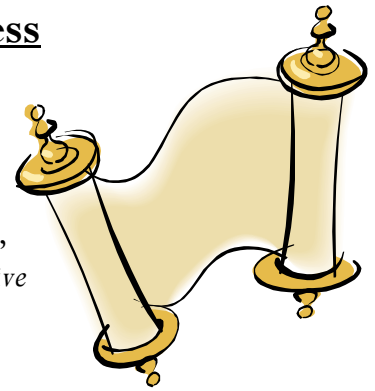
6. Why does he/she feel it is important to continue to practice their Catholic faith?

7. Do they ever have moments when they find it hard to be strong in their faith? Yes/No

If so, what do they do to resolve their questions? _____

Covenant to the Confirmation Process

The Confirmation preparation process is a journey in which the Candidate will explore different aspects of faith, church ministry and service. This process necessitates a full commitment from the Candidate, Parents/Guardians and Sponsor as this is a Sacrament that, by definition, calls for a *time of reflection on personal faith* and a *more active participation in the life of the Church*.



Active participation includes:

- Regular attendance at the Parish Religious Education Program or Catholic School, including completion of all related assignments.
- Weekly attendance at Sunday Mass.
- Selection of a Sponsor and completion of a Sponsor Interview form.
- Attendance and participation at all sacramental preparation sessions. These include but are not limited to: the Mass to Bless the Candidates, a candidate retreat and Confirmation rehearsal.



Candidate Covenant

- † I understand that it is my choice to enter into the process of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation as presented to me in this Covenant to the Confirmation Process.
- † I am ready to enter into this journey leading me to the Sacrament of Confirmation with my Parents, Sponsor, fellow Candidates and the Parish Community.
- † I understand what it means to be an active participant and will have an open heart and mind throughout the process, allowing the Holy Spirit to lead me to Confirmation.

