



Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine

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SPONSOR CERTIFICATION FORM

Return form by **February 2nd, 2027**, attached to the Application

Return to Mrs. Hernandez

Dear Sponsor:

When a child chooses you as a Sacramental Sponsor, it means they see you as a very special Catholic. Being asked to serve as a Sponsor is not simply because of family ties or friendship. This role carries the responsibility of giving spiritual witness to your Confirmation candidate and showing how to live the Catholic faith in everyday life. By being faithful to God's law, active in your parish, attending Mass weekly, and living Gospel values, you offer strong personal support to the parents who committed at Baptism to faithfully pass on the Catholic faith to their child.

The laws of the Catholic Church offer these qualities of a **valid sponsor**:

- Must be mature enough to undertake this role, at least 16 years of age.
- Must be fully initiated, having received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- Must be a member of the Catholic Church, canonically free to carry out this office. (This would indicate that Catholics living in an invalid marriage (not according to Church regulations) and those who are cohabiting (living together without marriage) are ineligible.
- Must know the fundamental truths of the faith, be a practicing Catholic who attends Sunday Mass and receives the sacraments regularly and sees to the religious instruction of his/her family.
- Must not be the mother or father of the one to be confirmed. The sponsor, with the parents, presents the child for the sacrament and helps him/her live a life befitting a baptized Catholic Christian.

Therefore, it is important that you prayerfully consider the serious responsibility which you take as a Sponsor. If you are unable to live up to these Catholic ideals, you may decline this responsibility.

I, _____ a member of _____, _____
(Please Print Sponsor's Full Name) Church Town

Accept the invitation to be a sponsor to _____ for the Sacrament of Confirmation at
(Please Print Candidate's Full Name) Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Shrine

***** I affirm that I am a baptized and confirmed Catholic, living my Catholic faith and in good standing with the Catholic Church. I understand that I am called to serve as a companion, guide, and role model to my confirmed child, especially by my example and witness.**

Sponsor Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Sponsor Contact Info: Phone # _____ Email: _____

Pastor Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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