

Sponsor Commitment

Role of Sponsor

One's "yes" to be a sponsor for Confirmation is not just a "yes" to the candidate, but also a serious commitment to God in taking on this obligation. Canon Law 874 states, "To be admitted to the role of sponsor, a person must 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."

A sponsor should be a person who is prayerful, open, dependable, loving and is comfortable sharing his or her own faith. A sponsor's role includes the following responsibilities:

1. Accompany, guide, support, witness to, and pray for their candidate, in support of the parents, leading up to Confirmation and following Confirmation for the rest of their lives.
2. Visit with their confirmand regularly throughout this year of preparation to lead conversations over weekly discussion topics.
3. Attend the Sacrament of Confirmation & prior rehearsal to present your confirmand during the Confirmation Rite.

Candidate Name _____

Sponsor Name _____

Sponsor's Email Address _____

Sponsor's Parish Name & City _____

Sponsor's Phone Number (____) _____

In accepting this responsibility, I affirm the following: (please initial each that applies):

- _____ 1. I have received the three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation).
- _____ 2. I am at least 16 years of age and am not the confirmand's mother or father.
- _____ 3. I participate regularly in weekly Mass and give witness to my faith in Christ Jesus by receiving Holy Communion.
- _____ 4. I believe all that the Catholic Church professes and teaches, and I make an effort to incorporate these teachings into my daily life.
- _____ 5. I am aware that I am assuming responsibility to be a good role model for the person I am sponsoring by my life of prayer and by my Catholic example.
- _____ 6. If married, I was married in accordance with the requirements of the Catholic Church.

Sponsor's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Pastor's Acknowledgement

As Pastor, I verify that the named person above is a registered and an active member of our parish.

Pastor Signature: _____ Date _____

Thank you for your 'yes' to being a sponsor for a Confirmand. We appreciate your desire to be a true role model of one working to follow our Lord and His Church. Please return this form to: The Cathedral of Sacred Heart – Anna Therneau, | 360 Main St. | Winona, MN 55987 or via email to: atherneau@cathedralwinona.org.