

Confirmation Sponsor Eligibility Certificate

Name of Confirmation Candidate _____

Name & Relationship of Confirmation Sponsor: _____

Complete Address of Sponsor: _____

Street address

City State Zip

Email Address of Sponsor: _____

Please, read the following requirements carefully: these are dictated by the Law of the Church (Canon Law) and cannot be waived by the Pastor.

From the Code of Canon Law:

Sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and/or Confirmation must be Catholics who have been Confirmed and have already received the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and who lead a life in harmony with the Catholic Faith and the responsibilities required of a Sponsor/Godparent. (Canon 874 and 893)

I Hereby Affirm that I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that I am faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

I Hereby Affirm that I practice my Catholic Faith by regularly attending the celebration of the Mass every Sunday, and I am eligible to receive Holy Communion.

If Married My marriage has been celebrated in the Catholic Church.

If Not Married I am not living with anyone in an intimate relationship.

If I Have Children I am educating my children in the Catholic Church.

I Affirm that I am a registered member of _____
Catholic Parish, located at _____
and I participate in the life of my parish to the best of my abilities.

I Affirm that I have received the Sacrament of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

I solemnly swear that I meet all the above requirements, which are necessary to act as a sponsor and/or godparent, so help me God.

(Sponsor's signature)

(Sponsor's Name – PLEASE PRINT)

(Date)

(Signature of Sponsor's Pastor)

How do I choose a confirmation sponsor ?

Here are the criteria the Church requires of a person in order for that individual to be a Confirmation sponsor.

- Be a practicing Catholic who attends Mass weekly and receives the Sacraments regularly in keeping with the precepts of the church.
- Is a baptized and confirmed member of the Catholic church.
- Is at least 16 years of age.
- Is not the parent of the candidate, Parents are not allowed to be Confirmation sponsors for their own children. However, other family members, godparents, and friends are allowed to be sponsors.

The candidate for Confirmation should choose a sponsor whom they see as a strong model in the faith, someone who has an impact on them and someone they look up to. The candidate for Confirmation is encouraged to choose someone close by, if possible.

Role and Expectations of your Sponsor

The sponsor represents the support and prayers of the entire Church. He or she will be the candidate's "spiritual friend". In our Sacramental preparations at Holy Spirit Parish, the following is asked of the sponsor:

- Complete the enclosed Sponsor Form with the **signature** of the sponsor's pastor.
- Sponsors should attend the Confirmation Rehearsal.
- Sponsors must attend the Rite of Confirmation.
- Share their faith story with the candidate.
- Spend time getting to know the candidate better. Sharing a meal or other activity from time to time if you are living near your candidate – perhaps sending an occasional letter or email if you live further away.
- To meet with the candidate in person or over the phone at least 2 times during the months of preparation to go through and discuss the four sponsor/candidate sessions (to be mailed to sponsor).
- Pray for and with the candidate.
- Present the candidate during the Confirmation Rite.
- Continue to be there for the candidate and lend spiritual support after the confirmation ceremony is over.