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Affidavit of eligibility for the Ministry of Confirmation Sponsor

Confirmation Candidate Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Confirmation Sponsor Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Email Address: _____
Most communication regarding Confirmation meetings and events will be through email.

Phone Number: _____

Home Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Practicing Catholic? Yes / No

Sacraments Received:
 Baptism First Eucharist Confirmation

See page 2 of this form for Diocese of Lansing Confirmation Sponsor Guidelines:

“The primary responsibility of the sponsor is to provide the candidate prayerful support and guidance in his or her Christian walk and to ‘take care that the confirmed person behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations inherent in this sacrament.’ (Canon 892).

Being a sponsor is a lifelong commitment. A sponsor takes on the role of a spiritual parent who ‘brings the candidate to receive the sacrament, presents him to the minister for the anointing, and will later help him to fulfill his baptismal promises faithfully under the influence of the Holy Spirit.’ (Rite of Confirmation 5).”

I understand that as a Confirmation sponsor, I must be a practicing Catholic. I understand that I am responsible for helping my Confirmation candidate prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation, and supporting them in their faith after they are confirmed. I have read the roles and responsibilities of a Confirmation sponsor, and commit to fulfilling them to the best of my ability, this year and after.

Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Verification of Practicing Catholic:

I hereby testify that the above person is a registered member of this parish and has affirmed that he/she will fulfill the responsibilities to serve as a Confirmation Sponsor.

Parish: _____ Priest signature: _____

Address: _____ Priest (print): _____

City, State: _____ Date: _____



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INFORMATION FOR YOUR SPONSOR:

What is a Confirmation Sponsor?

SPONSORS ARE WITNESSES – Share your faith

To know someone who lives what he or she says they believe is a powerful witness for all of us. This knowledge is especially helpful for the young person who has chosen you as a guide in faith. As a witness, you might ask yourself, “Is this young man or woman I am sponsoring growing in their faith?” Then perhaps ask yourself, “What can I do to help this young person’s understanding of God and continued growth as a Catholic?”

SPONSORS ARE COMPANIONS – Be available and “in the picture”

Being a sponsor means that you serve as a companion or guide. If you live close enough, you can be an integral part of this young person’s life. If you live far away, you can keep in touch with a phone call or note of reassurance as to your willingness to help whenever there is a need. Your job is to be an adult mentor.

SPONSORS ARE ROLE MODELS

Before you begin to feel overwhelmed by such responsibility, remember you do not have to be perfect, no one is. Simply challenge yourself to be open to your own faith growth and put into practice what a life committed to faith requires. Being sponsor is a journey you and this special young person take together. So, your faith growth is important. You can do this by attending Liturgies and Prayer Services together, attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation together and discuss the effects the Sacraments have on you and in your life.

SPONSORS ARE PRAYER WARRIORS

Acting as a sponsor means humbly admitting that God can use you to touch the heart and shape the life and faith development of this young person. Prayer will remind you that you are not doing this alone. Prayer will keep you open to the very real movement of the Holy Spirit in everyday life. Pray for your candidate daily!

SPONSORS SHOULD BE (Guidelines):

- Older than 16 years of age
- Not a parent of the candidate
- One who has received the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation
- One who attends Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation
- An active member of his/her parish
- Someone living in harmony with the teachings of the Catholic Church