

## St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church

1601 North Tennessee Blvd \* Murfreesboro, TN \* 37130

# SPONSOR SELECTION FORMS

These are the required forms for selecting your sponsor

*Please note: The selection of a sponsor is a necessary requirement for the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation.*

### **Why do we select a sponsor for the sacrament of Confirmation?**

Each candidate is asked to choose an adult member of the greater Catholic community to act as a sponsor during the Confirmation journey. The sponsor represents the Catholic community and should be seen as a life-long role model and guide for the candidate.

### **Who is allowed to be my sponsor?**

- Your sponsor must be 16 years old, and already a confirmed Catholic.
- Your sponsor must be a practicing Catholic – they attend Mass every Sunday and receive the sacraments regularly. They find great importance in their faith, and faith formation.
- Your sponsor cannot be your parent.

### **Who should I choose?**

- You should choose someone who will help you to become a better Catholic; someone who will help you to know, love, and serve God in your everyday life.
- A good place to start is with your Godparents, or with members of our parish, or with your family. Keep in mind the necessary requirements.

### **What if my sponsor can't make it to town the day of my Confirmation?**

This is OK, and he/she will still be your sponsor. A member of the Confirmation team will walk with you to the Bishop during the sacrament as a proxy, and say the words your sponsor would say.

*Please prayerfully consider who your sponsor will be, and ask them soon; this is an important and personal choice. Your parents should not decide who your sponsor will be, please make a selection that is meaningful to you.*

### **Your sponsor must:**

Fill out the *Sponsor Eligibility Form*, located just behind this letter, and have it signed by their parish pastor and returned to St. Rose. **Please provide a stamped envelope addressed to the church to your sponsor so this form can go straight to the office**

### **You must:**

Fill out the *Confirmation Sponsor Registration Form*, also located after this letter. When it is completed, please turn it in to your teacher **by the first class in April.**

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Sponsor Eligibility Form

Dear prospective Sponsor,

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a confirmand from St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, are requesting that you be my sponsor for the sacrament of Confirmation in early next year.

Please review the following, sign the bottom, have your pastor sign the bottom, and return this entire form to the Religious Education office so it arrives at the above address before May 1st.

All of the following conditions must be met in order to be eligible to be a sponsor for Confirmation:

- The intended sponsor must be at least sixteen (16) years of age.
- He or she must be fully initiated into the Catholic Church, having received each of the following sacraments: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
- He or she must be a practicing Catholic in good standing. This is defined as one who...
  - ...attends Mass on all Sundays and holy days of obligation...
  - ...confesses his or her serious sins at least once yearly...
  - ...receives the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season...
  - ...observes the days of fasting and abstinence (from meat) established by the Church...
  - ...helps to provide for the needs of the Church, according to his or her ability.

**To be filled out by sponsor:**

I have read the above conditions and do hereby affirm my eligibility to be a sponsor for the sacrament of Confirmation.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please print your name here: \_\_\_\_\_

I affirm the eligibility of the above named as a sponsor for Confirmation

Pastor's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

As your confirmand continues with their time of preparation for this sacrament, your encouragement and wisdom in all matters catholic is requested. Any inspiration, no matter how small or large, is a meaningful contribution to their faith development.

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**Confirmation Sponsor Registration Form**

**due the first class in April**

When choosing your sponsor, please pick someone who is meaningful to you. Spend some time in prayer and consider who will best support you in your faith. All of the following conditions must be met in order for someone to be eligible to be a sponsor for Confirmation:

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(Please print)

Confirmand \_\_\_\_\_

The sponsor I am choosing is:

name \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_

city/state \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

email address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Parish \_\_\_\_\_

To be answered by the Confirmand:

In what capacity do you know your sponsor (friend, relative, etc.)? Please describe.

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Why do you want this person to be your sponsor?

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