

Confirmation Sponsor Application

What you should about being a Confirmation Sponsor:

- 1) The sponsor must be a Confirmed and a Catholic in good standing over the age of 16 years. This requires them to have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. A practicing Catholic in good standing is defined as:
 - a) Attends Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
 - b) Attends the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) at least once a year.
 - c) Receives the Sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the East season.
 - d) Observes the days of fasting and abstinence (from meat) established by the Church.
 - e) Helps to provide for the needs of the Church, according to his or her ability.
- 2) The sponsor must be willing to take on the role of discipling the Confirmand now and in the future.
- 3) The sponsor must be willing to attend and participate in the Confirmation process, assisting in the preparation and education for this Sacrament.
- 4) The sponsor must be willing to serve as a Catholic model of what it means to be a person who has a relationship with Jesus Christ and lives their faith daily.
- 5) The sponsor should be someone who lives close enough to be active in the Confirmation activities throughout the year.
- 6) The sponsor should be someone the Confirmand is comfortable spending time with and talking openly about your faith - someone who is a part of their life on a regular basis.
- 7) A sponsor CAN NOT be a parent. They have already made a commitment at Baptism to raise their child in the faith. The parent should NOT choose a Confirmation sponsor for a Confirmand. This is a personal decision that is important for the Confirmand to decide.

Confirmation Sponsor Expectations

- 1) Meet informally/check in with the Confirmand 3 times before Confirmation.
- 2) Attend Mass with the Confirmand 1-2 times.
- 3) Attend the Confirmation rehearsal.
- 4) Pray for the Confirmand during this time and in the future.
- 5) Attend the Sacrament of Confirmation to fully support the Confirmand.
- 6) Have intentions to continue to disciple the Confirmand in their faith journey after the reception of the Sacrament.

Qualities of a Confirmation Sponsor

- Disciple - a person who is willing to accept people as they are created. Open to discovering and nurturing the Confirmands gifts (charisms), walking with them in their faith journey, and establishing a sense of belonging to the Church community in the candidate.
- Prayer warrior - a person who prays daily and is open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.
- Generous - a person who is generous with their time for the Confirmand, and gives freely of their own gifts, patience, prayer, understanding, love, and faith.
- Considerate - a person who respects the opinions, ideas, gifts, hopes, fears, and feelings of the Confirmand. Someone who recognizes the importance of confidentiality.
- Faithful - a person who is steadfast in constantly seeking a closer relationship with Jesus Christ while growing and living out their faith in their daily life.

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I have read the information, expectations, and qualities listed above and do hereby affirm my desire to be a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

(Electronic Signature)

(date)

Confirmand Name _____

My Birth Name _____

Sponsor's Date of Baptism _____

Sponsor's Date of Confirmation _____

Name of Parish (including city and state) where Sponsor received the Sacrament of Confirmation
