

Sponsor Information Form

From the most ancient tradition of the Church, candidates for the Sacrament of Initiations have been accompanied by sponsors from the community. Sponsors are fully-initiated members of the Christian community who not only recommend the candidate to the community for the Sacraments, but also provide moral and spiritual support to the candidate in the time of their candidacy. Choosing a sponsor should be a process marked by prayer and discernment on the part of the candidate and family.

Requirements for Choosing a Sponsor

- ◆ Sponsor must be an active baptized and confirmed Catholic at least 16 years of age.
- ◆ Sponsor may not be a parent.
- ◆ Sponsor must live a good Catholic life, attend Mass regularly and be supportive of the Candidate's life.
- ◆ Sponsor must be able to attend group meetings/retreats and any special ceremonies for the Rite of Confirmation. *(In the event that a sponsor is unable to attend a required meeting, a parent or some other adult may serve as a substitute.)*

Sponsor's Role

- ◆ Pray for and with the candidate.
- ◆ Should spend time getting to know the candidate and be willing to share their own personal faith story with the candidate.
- ◆ Complete the "Six Conversations" journal with the Candidate. (to be handed out at Lenten Retreat)
- ◆ Accompany the candidate to specific classes, retreats, service projects or Mass, in which sponsors are requested to attend (Sponsors may attend any or all classes.)
- ◆ Provide a letter recommending the Candidate for the reception of Confirmation.
- ◆ Present the candidate during the Rite of Confirmation.
- ◆ Continue to be there for the candidate and lend spiritual support even after Confirmation.



Sponsor, please complete and return bottom portion of this form by: _____

Send to: Cathy Roche (Faith Formation Coordinator)

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Phone: 651-437-3526 Fax: 651-437-3506

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I, _____, have been asked to be a sponsor for
Print Name

_____. I am accepting this responsibility, and testify that I meet all of the above requirements. I will pay special attention to the sacramental candidate and assist where needed in his/her effort to live a Christian life that reflects the spirit and teaching of the Catholic Church. I am prepared to provide the sacramental candidate with spiritual support as needed through Christian example, prayer, and sharing.

Address: _____
City/ State Zip Code

Email: _____ Phone No. _____

Home Parish/City: _____

Signature _____ Date _____