



Disciple Maker Formation

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Confirmation Sponsor Certificate

Name of Person to be Confirmed: _____

Name of Sponsor: _____

Address of Sponsor: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

As a registered member of _____ Parish

in _____ (City), _____ (State), _____ (Zip)

I affirm that I fulfill the requirements expected of a sponsor:

1. I have been named by the one to be confirmed;
2. I am at least sixteen years of age;
3. I am a Catholic who has celebrated all sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation);
4. I am a practicing Catholic (attending Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, going to confession at least once per year, receiving Holy Communion at least once yearly during Easter season, observing established days of fasting and abstinence, and helping provide for the material needs of the Church);
5. I am not the parent of the person to be confirmed;
6. I am free of any canonical penalty preventing full participation in the sacramental life of the church (if married, in a valid/sacramental marriage);
7. If possible, I will actively participate in the preparation process through prayer, attending any required or invited sessions, and striving to live as a Christian example.

Sponsor's Signature _____

Parish Priest's Signature _____

Date _____

-Imprint Parish Seal-

Why Is It Important for Sponsors to Be Registered in a Parish?

Being registered and active in a parish is one of the ways we show that we take our Catholic faith seriously. From the very beginning of Christianity, faith was never meant to be lived alone. The Apostles formed communities – churches – where believers worshiped together, supported one another, and carried on the mission of Jesus Christ.

In the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke writes:

“They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.” (Acts 2:42)

From the earliest days of the Church, being part of a faith community was foundational to being Christian. The Church continues to teach the importance of parish life today.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church quotes St. John Chrysostom:

“You cannot pray at home as at church, where there is a great multitude, where exclamations are cried out to God as from one great heart... the union of minds, the accord of souls, the bond of charity...” (CCC 2179)

Our parish community helps nourish our faith, strengthens us spiritually, and gives us opportunities to continue growing closer to Christ. Because of this, the Church asks sponsors to be active, practicing Catholics who are connected to the life of the Church. Church law states that a sponsor must:

- Be at least 16 years old
- Be Catholic and fully initiated (having received Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist)
- Be living a life of faith that reflects these sacraments

A sponsor is meant to be more than just a family tradition or honorary role. Sponsors are called to actively witness the Catholic faith and help guide someone in their spiritual life. Parish membership and participation help demonstrate that commitment.

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee also states that adult Catholics should be registered in a parish community and look to that parish for their spiritual needs, including sacraments, worship, and faith formation.

Simply put: if we are disconnected from parish life, what are we witnessing to? A sponsor should be someone who not only identifies as Catholic, but who actively lives the faith and participates in the life of the Church.

What If I Am Not Currently Registered at a Parish?

If you are not currently registered, you still have options:

- Consider registering at the parish where you regularly attend Mass. If the priest knows you and can speak to your participation in the faith, he may be willing to sign your sponsor certificate.
- If you have recently moved, you may contact your former parish and pastor to ask about signing your certificate. At the same time, you should register at a parish in your new area or at the parish community you plan to attend regularly moving forward.