

**SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**315 SW 21<sup>st</sup> Street**  
**Grand Rapids, MN 55744**

**SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY FORM**  
(For Confirmation)

Any infant, child or adult seeking Confirmation needs a **SPONSOR**. In baptism Sponsors are often called "Godparents". In Confirmation they are often called Sponsors. **PARENTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE SPONSORS FOR THEIR OWN CHILDREN**. A Sponsor is someone of strong faith in the Catholic tradition. S/he must be willing to make a commitment to the candidate for a sacrament, and guide that candidate in the area of spirituality. **A Sponsor must be at least sixteen years old, and must be baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church, and in right relationship with the Catholic Church**. This means that the Sponsor is registered in a parish, attends Mass and receives the sacraments regularly, and is able to share his/her faith openly and honestly with the candidate. A Sponsor does not have to be a member of this parish, or live in the local area. The Sponsor should be present at the Confirmation, but if this is not possible, a proxy may "stand in" for the Sponsor (A parent may serve as the proxy). If the Sponsor is not a registered member of this parish, his/her pastor must sign this form before it is returned to our office. **IF A SPONSOR IS NOT A MEMBER OF THIS PARISH A CANDIDATE CAN NOT CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT IN OUR PARISH WITHOUT THIS FORM COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY SPONSOR'S PASTOR.**

*Please PRINT clearly*

CANDIDATE'S FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CANDIDATE'S DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

SPONSOR'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR'S ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR'S PHONE NUMBER \_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR'S PARISH \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO CANDIDATE \_\_\_\_\_

**PASTOR'S ATTESTATION:**

I DECLARE THAT THE ABOVE NAMED SPONSOR IS A BAPTIZED AND CONFIRMED CATHOLIC, AT LEAST SIXTEEN YEARS OLD, IN RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CHURCH, AND IS A REGISTERED MEMBER OF THE ABOVE NAMED PARISH.

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

## **Saint and Sponsor due April 25, 2018**

All forms and resources listed below may be found online at the St. Joseph's website at [www.stjosephscatholic.org](http://www.stjosephscatholic.org), click the "Faith Formation" tab, then "6-12<sup>th</sup> Grade"

### **PICKING YOUR SAINT NAME:**

This saint should be one whose life or virtues the candidate wishes to emulate and to whom the candidate can call upon for intercession. You are encouraged to use the name of the saint given to you at your Baptism, but you are free to choose another saint name.

Great Resources for information about saints (Both links can be found on the St. Joseph's website on the 6-12<sup>th</sup> Faith Formation Page):

<http://www.catholic.org/saints/>

<http://lifeteen.com/blog/biggest-best-list-confirmation-saints-guys-girls/>

**Please submit your Saint Name (Confirmation Name) online at the Saint Name Form by following the link below** (also can be found on the 6-12<sup>th</sup> Faith Formation page on the St. Joseph's website):

<https://goo.gl/forms/7ILXbUcXmn6e6K3f2>

### **PICKING YOUR SPONSOR:**

**What is a Sponsor?:** A Sponsor is someone of strong faith in the Catholic tradition. S/he must be willing to make a commitment to the candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation, and guide that candidate in the area of spirituality.

**What does a sponsor do?:** It is for the sponsor to see that the confirmed person acts as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations with this sacrament. *Canon 892*

#### **Guidelines for picking your SPONSOR:**

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- 2) A Sponsor must be at least sixteen years old
- 3) Must be baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church
- 4) Must be in right relationship with the Catholic Church. This means that the Sponsor is registered in a parish, attends Mass and receives the sacraments regularly, and is able to share his/her faith openly and honestly with the candidate.
- 5) A Sponsor does not have to be a member of this parish, or live in the local area.
- 6) The Sponsor should be present at the Confirmation, but if this is not possible, a proxy may "stand in" for the Sponsor (A parent may serve as the proxy).
- 7) **If the Sponsor is not a registered member of this parish, his/her pastor must sign the Sponsor Eligibility Form before it is returned to our office.** A CANDIDATE WHOSE SPONSOR IS NOT A MEMBER OF ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH CAN NOT CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT IN OUR PARISH WITHOUT THIS FORM COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY SPONSOR'S PASTOR. – Form is on opposite side of this sheet and can also be printed off St. Joseph's Parish Website.

**Please submit the name of your Confirmation Sponsor online at the Confirmation Sponsor Form by following the link below** (also can be found on the 6-12<sup>th</sup> Faith Formation page on the St. Joseph's website):

<https://goo.gl/forms/ZQtR1usnmQM81Dk42>