

SPONSOR REQUEST FORM ONLY for Parishioners of Holy Family Parish

Hand in at the April 7, 2019 Theme Mass

ALL INFORMATION WILL BE VERIFIED THROUGH OUR DATA SYSTEM

Candidate's Name: _____ Relationship to Candidate: _____

Person requesting to be a Sponsor: _____

Sponsor's Stewardship Envelope # _____ (MUST be filled in). If a sibling under 18 is requesting to be a sponsor, the Family Stewardship Envelope must show participation at Mass through Envelopes being used.

You may contact me at the following numbers if you have any questions,

Contact information for potential Sponsor - Home _____ Cell _____

Carefully read and initial on the line before each of the following Prerequisites of Canon Law.

_____ I am a registered member of Holy Family Parish in Nazareth, Pennsylvania and currently receiving stewardship envelopes. My number is noted above.

_____ I am a Catholic fully initiated in the Catholic faith who has received all 3 Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

_____ I am a practicing Catholic who reflects, Catholic values in my words, my actions, my attendance at weekend Masses, by my continued reception of the Sacraments, and by giving to the support of my parish in stewardship and service.

_____ **I attend Mass regularly on weekends and Holy days of obligation.**
Attendance at Mass may be documented through my use of Sunday Envelopes being placed into the collection at Mass. In the event that I'm having financial difficulties, I mark on my envelope; "Attendance"
Please note that cash placed into the collection basket cannot be documented.

_____ I have recently moved into the parish of Holy Family. My attendance may be documented by my use of my stewardship envelopes for at least four months prior to the Sacrament. In times of financial difficulty, I mark on my envelope, "Attendance". New parishioners with less than four months at Holy Family should request a sponsor form from their previous parish.

_____ I am a sibling and will be **sixteen (16) years of age or older on the day of Confirmation**. My ability to be a sponsor may be documented by my **Parents' stewardship envelopes** placed into the weekly collection.

_____ I am not the parent of the person to be confirmed.

_____ If I'm married, I am validly married in the Catholic Church.

_____ If, I am not married I am not living with my fiancée, boyfriend or girlfriend.

By signing this form, I affirm that all of the above requirements are true. I recognize that I will be called upon to be an example of the Catholic faith to my Candidate. I also recognize that this requires that I truly practice my faith by attending Sunday Mass, by prayer, generous concern for others and by living an upright Catholic life under the mercy of God. With this in mind, I promise to be the best possible example in word and deed.

Signature of Sponsor: _____ Dated: _____

INFORMATION WHEN CHOOSING A SPONSOR

TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO CONFIRMATION

If a Sponsor Form has not yet been handed in two weeks prior to the Sacrament, we will have several parishioners lined up who would be honored to be the sponsor for your candidate.

How do I choose a Sponsor?

Carefully read the Requirements for Sponsors listed on the purple form before asking a person to be a sponsor. This person must attend Mass and documentation of their attendance must be done through the use of their Sunday Envelopes.

1. You must be able to look up to this person as an example of how to be a Practicing Catholic.
 - a. A practicing Catholic is an individual who is 16 on the day of Confirmation, registered in a parish, attends Mass weekly, has received the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, receives Penance and Holy Eucharist on a regular basis, in the Catholic Church.
2. Have them fill out the form, sign and return it to the parish office.



IF YOUR SPONSOR IS FROM HOLY FAMILY
Use the Sponsor Request form found in this packet.

IF YOUR SPONSOR IS FROM ANOTHER PARISH
Do not use the purple form in this packet but instead...



1. Have the Sponsor contact his/her parish in which they are members. The requirements are the same for all parishes.
2. Ask the parish office/rectory for a Certificate to be a Sponsor for Confirmation
3. Make sure the Candidate's name is on the form
4. Make sure the Church Seal is affixed to the Sponsor Form that you submit.
5. Send the Sponsor Certificate into the parish office in an envelope marked: Sponsor Certificate for _____ (Candidate's name).

PROXY FOR CONFIRMATION: A PROXY MAY NOT BE A PARENT

As we approach Confirmation, and your Sponsor is unable to make it on the day of Confirmation:

1. Call the Director at 610-759-2623 so the proper notation is made
2. You then need a PROXY who must also fulfill all the same prerequisites as a sponsor.
3. **A Proxy may not be a parent**
 - a. You must acquire the necessary paperwork on another person (NOT THE PARENT) and that paper work must be handed into the Director prior to Confirmation.
 1. If you're unable to locate a "proxy", contact Mrs. Ely at 610-759-2623 and we will help to get someone who fulfills all the prerequisites to stand in as Proxy for your Candidate.