

SPONSOR FORM

Role of Sponsor:

It is an ancient custom of the Church that at baptism and confirmation, sponsors be present to represent the expanded spiritual family of the person being baptized or confirmed. Sponsors assist in developing and safeguarding the grace given in the sacrament. For baptism there may be a male and female sponsor; for confirmation, one sponsor of either sex.

Requirements for a Sponsor:

1. The Sponsor should be mature enough to understand, accept and carry out the duties of a Sponsor. That person normally should be at least 16 years of age, but exceptions are possible.
2. The Sponsor must have received the three sacraments of initiation: baptism, confirmation and Eucharist.
3. The Sponsor should be living an exemplary life consistent with Christian faith and the responsibilities of a sponsor through attendance at Church and following the teachings of the Catholic Church (e.g. If married, the sponsor's marriage is recognized as valid by the Catholic Church, weekly attendance at Sunday mass and Holy Days of Obligation).
4. The sponsor must be a member of the Catholic Church. However, a baptized and believing Christian not belonging to the Catholic Church may act as a Christian witness for the sacrament of Baptism, as long as there is also a Catholic sponsor. All confirmation sponsors must be Catholics.

I, _____, understand my role as a sponsor
Sponsor's name (Please Print)

and the requirements needed to be a sponsor for: _____
Name (Please Print)

I accept these responsibilities and acknowledge that I have received the three sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) and that I strive to live the teachings of my Catholic faith.

Sponsor's signature

Date

The undersigned acknowledges the sponsor's signature by which the sponsor attests to knowing and meeting the requirements of a sponsor.

Signature of Sponsor's Pastor//Pastoral Administrator

Date

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
152 Main St.
Brockport, NY 14420

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