

- ☐ Infant baptism
- ☐ Teen confirmation
- ☐ Adult confirmation
- ☐ OCIA child

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BURLINGTON•LYONS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Sponsor form for Baptism or Confirmation

You have been chosen to be a sponsor (godparent) for Baptism or Confirmation in one of our parishes. We ask that you reflect on the responsibilities of being a sponsor (see second page) and complete this form. Ensure that YOUR CATHOLIC PASTOR signs this form and marks it with the parish seal. Allow a couple weeks for processing.

Candidate's name: _____
(The individual being baptized and/or confirmed)

Sponsor's name: _____

Sponsor's Address: _____

Sponsor's Phone number: _____

Sponsor's Email: _____

I am registered with the parish of _____

in (city) _____, (state) _____.

I meet the following requirements for being a Sponsor:

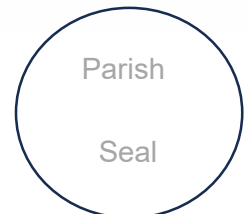
- ☐ I have been chosen by the Candidate or his/her parents (if an infant).
- ☐ I am Confirmed in the Catholic Church and have received First Communion.
- ☐ I attend Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- ☐ I am 16 years old or older.
- ☐ I am not the father or mother of the Candidate named above.
- ☐ I am not bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared.
- ☐ If I am married, I had a Catholic wedding or Catholic validation ceremony

FOR THE CATHOLIC PASTOR OF SPONSOR

I affirm that this person is a Confirmed Catholic and meets the requirements to be a sponsor in the Catholic Church.

Signature of Catholic Pastor: _____

Parish: _____



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The Role of a Sponsor

Sponsors are encouraged to deepen their own faith and to be models of discipleship. A sponsor follows the life of the early Apostles, who handed on the faith they first received from Jesus himself (1 Corinthians 11:23). We cannot give what we do not have. In Baptism, sponsors pledge this support to the parents. Confirmation preparation includes opportunities for candidates and sponsors to share their faith and to strengthen their relationship with one another.

FAQs

What is the difference between a godparent and a sponsor?

While the term “godparent” is often used, mostly in Baptism, the official Church term for both Baptism and Confirmation is “sponsor.” This highlights the ongoing mentoring relationship. It is not a mere honorary or civic role.

May a candidate have more than one sponsor?

For Baptism, there can be one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each (CIC 873). For Confirmation, yes, but only one will be the liturgical sponsor who will present the candidate.

May parents of the candidate be sponsors?

Parents of the candidate may not be sponsors, according to Church Law (CIC 874). This is because the Church sees parents as the “first heralds” or primary educators of the faith with regard to their children (CCC 1656). The sponsor pledges assistance to the parents in raising the candidate in the Catholic faith. Grandparents of the candidate may serve as sponsors if they meet the other requirements.

Can someone who cannot be present be a sponsor and someone else fill in?

Yes, however, the proxy sponsor must fulfill the same requirements as the primary sponsor, and complete this form. Both are encouraged to participate as much as possible in the candidate’s preparation.

What are the Holy Days of Obligation in addition to Sundays?

Wisconsin: January 1, August 15, November 1, December 8, and December 25

More FAQs here: <https://www.archmil.org/Our-Faith/sacraments/Confirmation.htm>

CIC = Code of Canon Law

CCC = Catechism of the Catholic Church