



GOOD SHEPHERD

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

****Please give to your sponsor. This form should be submitted to Katie Schaitberger by November 10, 2021. It can be mailed to Good Shepherd Church, Katie Schaitberger, 145 Jersey Ave South, Golden Valley, MN 55426 - or scanned and emailed to katieschaitberger@goodshepherdgv.org****

SPONSOR FORM

I affirm that, having received the three sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) and living a life consistent with the faith and the responsibility of a sponsor, I possess both the ability and intention to carry out the role of sponsor.

I affirm that I meet all of the necessary qualifications established within the *General Introduction to Confirmation*, the *Code of Canon Law*, and the *Norms for the Celebration of Confirmation* of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, which are included on the opposite side of this document.

I affirm my faith in Jesus Christ and my fidelity to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

I affirm that I practice my Catholic faith by regularly participating in the celebration of Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

I affirm, if I am married, that my marriage has been celebrated in the Catholic Church or is recognized as valid by the Catholic Church.

I affirm, if I have children, that my children are being raised in the Catholic faith.

I do, therefore, solemnly affirm that I meet all the necessary requirements to act as a sponsor in the Roman Catholic Church.

Candidate Name (printed)

Sponsor FULL LEGAL Name (printed)

Signature

Date

QUALIFICATIONS OF A SPONSOR

The General Introduction to Confirmation

5. As a rule, there should be a sponsor for each of those to be confirmed. These sponsors bring the candidates to receive the sacrament, present them to the minister for the anointing, and will later help them to fulfill their baptismal promises faithfully under the influence of the Holy Spirit whom they have received.

6. Pastors will see that the sponsors, chosen by the candidates or their families, are spiritually fit to take on this responsibility and have these qualities:

- a. sufficient maturity to fulfill their function;
- b. membership in the Catholic Church and their own reception of Christian initiation through baptism, confirmation, and eucharist;
- c. freedom from any impediment of law to their fulfilling the office of sponsor.

The Code of Canon Law

Can. 892 Insofar as possible, there is to be a sponsor for the person to be confirmed; the sponsor is to take care that the confirmed person behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations inherent in this sacrament.

Can. 893 §1. To perform the function of a sponsor, a person must fulfill the conditions mentioned in can. 874.

§2. It is desirable to choose as sponsor the one who undertook the same function in baptism.

Can. 874 §1. To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor a person must:

- 1º be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the pastor or minister and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function;
- 2º have completed the sixteenth year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause;
- 3º be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;
- 4º not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
- 5º not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.

§2. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community is not to participate except together with a Catholic sponsor and then only as a witness of the baptism.

Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis: Norms for the Celebration of Confirmation

It is desirable that the sponsor of the child at baptism is also the sponsor at Confirmation, although another person, of either sex, may fulfill this function, providing that the individual fulfills the following requirements. The sponsor must have completed the sixteenth year of age, unless the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause, and must be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received their First Holy Communion and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on. This means a sponsor may not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared or be the father or mother of the one to be confirmed (canon 874, §1).