

Sponsor's Name: _____ Candidate's Name: _____
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SPONSOR CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

PLEASE READ THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SPONSORSHIP BEFORE SIGNING

Cannon 872 and 874 of the Code of Canon Law lists those requirements for the valid and lawful sponsorship in Baptism and Confirmation.

- The sponsor's role is to assist the person in Christian initiation.
- The sponsor's role is, together with the parents, to present the child for the sacrament and help him/her to live a life befitting a baptized Catholic Christian.

A Sponsor:

1. Must be mature enough to undertake this responsibility.
2. Must have received the three sacraments of initiation, namely Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
3. Must be not less than 16 years of age.
4. Must know the fundamental truths of the Faith and be a practicing Catholic who goes to Mass on Sunday, receives the sacraments regularly, and sees to the religious instruction of his/her family.
5. Must be a member of the Catholic Church, canonically free to carry out this office. (This would indicate that Catholics publicly living in an invalid marriage (Not according to the Church regulations) and those who are cohabiting (living together without marriage) are ineligible.)
6. Must not be the father or mother of the one baptized or confirmed.

Requirements for a Proxy are the same as those listed above for a sponsor, with the exception of number six.

Being a sponsor is not just an honor given to a good friend or relative. Sponsorship implies a real appreciation of the faith, a practice of the same, and a sense of responsibility toward the person being baptized or confirmed.

I declare that I am a registered member of the parish listed below and that I fulfill the requirements of Canon Law (listed above) to be a sponsor.

Sponsor name: _____ Sponsor Signature: _____
(Please print)

Name of Parish: _____ Phone number: _____

I certify that _____ is a member of this parish, is a practicing Catholic and is eligible to act as a sponsor for Confirmation.

Date: _____ (Rev) _____

Please make a copy for your home records.