

Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility

Please read this document entirely **before** signing.

Candidate Name: _____ School Year _____

Canon 872 and 874 of the Code of Canon Law lists the requirements for valid and lawful sponsorship in 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 seriously.
2. Must have received the three sacraments of initiation, namely Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
3. Must be at least 16 years of age.
4. Must know the fundamental truths of the Faith and be a practicing Catholic who goes to Mass on Sundays, 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 and those who are cohabitating are ineligible.)
6. Must not be father, or mother of the one being confirmed.

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 confirmed. It is ideal that the sponsor lives locally to allow for active participation in the faith-journey of the candidate. Active participation includes meeting regularly to discuss spiritual matters and attending the various student/sponsor events occurring throughout the Confirmation preparation process.

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

Sponsor Name (please print) _____ Age _____

Signature _____

Address _____

Phone/Email _____

Year and Parish of Confirmation _____

Name of Sponsor's Parish _____

Parish Phone Number _____

I certify by my signature and Parish Seal that the person named above is a member of this parish, is a participating Catholic, and is eligible to act as a sponsor for Confirmation.

Rev: _____
Signature of Pastor

Date _____
Affix Parish Seal Here