

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR CERTIFICATE

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO

THIS FORM IS TO BE SIGNED BY THE SPONSOR AND HIS/HER PASTOR.

THE ROLE OF THE CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

Candidates for Confirmation, as for Baptism, fittingly seek the spiritual help of a *sponsor*. To emphasize the unity of the two sacraments, it is appropriate that this be one of the baptismal godparents. Although one of the Confirmation candidate's godparents is the ideal, this is not the only choice. (CCC 1311)

Like the godparents chosen at Baptism, sponsors "must be firm believers, able and ready to help (the Confirmed) on the road of Christian life. Their task is a truly ecclesial function...bearing some responsibility for the development and safeguarding of the grace given at Baptism." (CCC 1255) Like parents and godparents, they share in the responsibility for the salvation of the young soul entrusted to them.

Because our life on earth is "a pilgrimage to the Father which takes place primarily in the heart" (Pope John Paul II, *The Trinity's Embrace*), the sponsor should be a Catholic who loves and lives his or her faith and continues to grow in the knowledge of the Catholic faith. This is evident in a person who spends time in daily prayer and frequent encounters with Jesus in the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist. Consequently, the sponsor's heart reflects the tender and affectionate love of the hearts of Jesus and Mary and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, providing a living example of joyful Christian life.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I _____,
Sponsor's name

A REGISTERED MEMBER OF _____ IN _____
Parish name City, State

ACCEPT THE INVITATION TO BE THE SPONSOR AT THE CONFIRMATION OF

Candidate's name

In accepting this responsibility, I commit that the following statements are true, so help me God!

- I am at least 16 years of age (unless dispensed by the pastor).
- I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation in the Catholic Church.
- I am not married outside the Catholic Church.
- I attend Mass regularly on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and receive the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Penance regularly.
- I am not a parent of the Confirmation candidate.

I understand and accept the responsibility which I undertake as a Sponsor and I promise to be a support and example that reflects the spirit and teaching of the Roman Catholic Church and I am prepared to assist the Candidate by my support, encouragement and prayer.

Sponsor's Signature

PRIEST'S CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this sponsor candidate is a registered member of this parish in good standing and to the best of my knowledge, is capable of assuming the duties and responsibilities of the role of Sponsor.

Priest's Signature

Parish

Date

PARISH SEAL (MUST BE PRESENT)