**Confirmation Sponsor Form**

The role of the sponsor is a powerful aspect of the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is a similar role to that of Godparents in Baptism, in that both the sponsor and the Godparent agree to journey with their student as a sponsor in faith throughout their lives. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the role of the Confirmation sponsor is to: *Continue to help the candidate along the road of Christian life, to safeguard and develop the grace given at Baptism and now sealed with the Holy Spirit* (CCC 1320).

In practical terms, this can have two aspects. The sponsor must set an example for the candidate by the life they live including their ability to recognize sin in their lives and to seek forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession. The second aspect is the willingness of the sponsor to pray for their candidate, asking God to look after them, and help them to protect and treasure the gifts they received at Confirmation.

The first people to consider are those who are the Godparents of the candidate. Confirmation completes the initiation that was begun in Baptism. These two sacraments are like two sides to one coin. If the Godparents are active and involved in the lives of the student, and active in their faith, asking a Godparent to continue their role as the student’s sponsor is a great idea.

**The following general principles (set forth by Canon law) must be considered when selecting a sponsor:**

* A sponsor MUST be a fully initiated (Baptized, Confirmed) and PRACTICING Catholic who attends Mass regularly and leads a life in harmony with the teachings of the Church.
* A sponsor may be either male or female for any candidate.
* A sponsor should not be the parent of the candidate. Parents are already sponsors of their children’s faith life.
* A sponsor must be at least 17 years of age.

As you ask this individual to be a sponsor, please make sure they are aware of the following requirements or expectations:

Sponsors will be expected to:

1. Attend one Mass with the student and to help in filling out the Candidate/Sponsor Mass Worksheet.
2. Attend the Tuesday, April 25, 2023 meeting. This meeting will be approximately 2 hours for both the student and the sponsor.
3. Attend the Confirmation Rehearsal and Ceremony in the fall of 2023.
4. Be invested and involved as much as time will allow in the year long process of preparation.

PLEASE NOTE: While it is best if the sponsor is available to fulfill requirements and expectations, if the sponsor is not able (for instance, if they do not live locally), a parent can fill in when needed.

**Confirmation Sponsor**

Confirmation Candidate’s Name (first and last) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Relationship to Candidate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor’s Home Parish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor’s Birth Year \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I am choosing this person as my sponsor because:

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