



Confirmation Sponsor Application

Candidate Information: Please Print Legibly

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____

The Candidate is currently enrolled in: Confirmation I Confirmation II

Sponsor Information: Please Print Legibly

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-Mail: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

I attend Mass: Weekly Every Other Week Once a Month Occasionally Never

I am not the father, or the mother of this candidate: Yes No (Canon Law states Parents cannot serve as sponsor for their child)

I am a practicing Catholic in both word and deed: Yes No

I keep and obey these Precepts of the Church: Yes No

1) Attend Mass on Sundays. 2) Go to Confession at least once a year. 3) Receive Holy Communion at least once a year, during the Easter season.

4) Observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence. 5) Help to provide for the needs of the church.

I am a fully initiated Catholic (Received: Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist): Yes No

I am: Single Married Divorced & not remarried Divorced with annulment and remarried
 Widowed Divorced and remarried outside the Catholic Church

If Married, were you married by the Roman Catholic Church? Yes No

If you answered no to any of the above statements you are ineligible to be a Confirmation Sponsor at this time.

I certify that all of the above information is truthful and accurate: _____ Date: _____

Parish Information of Sponsor: Please Print Legibly

Name of Home Parish: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

(Arch) Diocese: _____ I Am a Registered Parishioner: Yes No

"Pastors must ascertain the spiritual qualifications of sponsors. The sponsor for any candidate can be male or female and is to be sufficiently mature, is a practicing Catholic, has been Confirmed and is not prohibited by law from exercising the duties of a sponsor." (Canon 893) I certify that this person is a practicing Catholic in both word and deed:

Pastors Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Please place Parish Seal here)

Required Qualifications to be a Sponsor

To be a Confirmation Sponsor one must meet the following requirements found in the Code of Canon Law:

- 1) Must be a fully initiated Catholic (revived: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist)
- 2) Must be at least 16 years of age (anyone under the age of 21 will need to be approved by the pastor of Santiago De Compostela).
- 3) Live a life that is in accordance with the teachings and beliefs of the Catholic Church.
- 4)) Not be the father or mother of the candidate

Guidelines for Choosing a Sponsor

Because the Sacrament of Confirmation is intimately linked with the Sacrament of Baptism the most desirable person to have as a Sponsor is one of the Godparents from Baptism. However, if the Godparent from Baptism is no longer a practicing Catholic, or does not have a close relationship with the candidate another sponsor may be chosen.

You should not choose someone as a sponsor so that you can “honor” them. You should seek out someone who can help you to become a better Christian Disciple. The sponsor is meant to be a lifelong companion that guides you into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

We recommend that you do not choose an older brother or sister. While you may have a close relationship to them you must ask yourself whether or not they will have the spiritual maturity and experience to serve you in this role.

Sponsors do not have to be the same gender as the candidate. A candidate can have a female or male sponsor regardless of their own gender.

You don't have to seek out the “holiest” person that you know to be your sponsor. A good sponsor is someone who has had struggles in their life and has come through those struggles stronger. Remember you should be able to relate to your sponsor and be comfortable sharing your own struggles with them.