

SPONSOR

HISTORY OF SPONSORSHIP

In the early Church most members were adult converts. Each candidate had a sponsor who was a guide, spiritual companion and witness to the faith of the candidate before the community.

ROLE OF THE SPONSOR FOR CONFIRMATION – The sponsor is:

- a) A model of how a person of faith lives in today's world;
- b) A friend who knows the candidate and can witness to the maturing faith of the candidate before the community;
- c) A guide, confident and listener;
- d) A learner who is interested in his/her own growth as he/she walks the faith journey with the candidate;
- e) One who will continue after Confirmation to walk the faith journey with the candidate and invite him/her into fuller participation in parish life and service.

EXPECTATIONS OF A SPONSOR – Sponsorship in Confirmation

The sponsor is called to:

- a) Participate in the Orientation, Blessing Rite, and Liturgical Rite of Confirmation, whenever possible.
- b) Meet with the candidate, outside of class time. To encourage and assist the candidate to grow in knowledge, in prayer, in service, in worship and in participation in the Parish Community.
- c) Commit yourself to daily prayer for your candidate.
- d) Be willing to contact a member of the Confirmation team if you have any questions or concerns.
- e) Continue as a support to the newly confirmed person as he or she discovers more and more about the treasury of his or her own faith along the way.

QUALIFICATIONS OF SPONSORS

The sponsor should be a mature person of faith and a confirmed Catholic in good standing, attend Mass weekly, hold the Faith and moral practices of the Church. The sponsor should reflect Catholic Christian values in word, worship and service. The sponsor may be male or female, may be the Baptismal sponsor, but may not be a parent of the candidate.

CODE OF CANON LAW

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Qualifications for Sponsors:

Canon 893

#1. To perform the role of sponsor, it is necessary that a person fulfill the conditions mentioned in Canon 874.

#2. It is desirable that the one who undertook the role of sponsor at baptism be sponsor for confirmation.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Qualifications for Sponsors:

Canon 874 – to be admitted to the role of sponsor, a person must:

#1 Be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the one who takes their place or, in their absence, by the pastor or minister and is to have the qualifications and intention of performing this role;

#2 Have completed the sixteenth year, unless a different age has been established by the diocesan bishop or it seems to the pastor or minister that an exception is to be made for a just cause;

#3 Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken;

#4 Not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;

#5 Not be the father or the mother of the one to be baptized.

*A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may not be admitted.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SPONSORS

Canon 892 As far as possible a sponsor for the one to be confirmed should be present; it is for the sponsor to see that the confirmed person acts as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations connected with this sacraments.

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SPONSOR CERTIFICATION FORM

This is to certify that I _____
Sponsors Full Legal Name

of _____
Full Name of Church Parish, City and State

accepts this invitation to Sponsor

Full Name of Candidate

During his/her preparation for the Reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation in
Mary, Queen of Peace Church Parish, Mandeville, LA

I affirm that I am a baptized and confirmed Catholic over the age of 16, that I actively
practice my faith and I am in good standing in the Catholic Church.

I understand that I am acting as a witness to the public acceptance of the Catholic Faith by
this candidate.

If married, the Sponsor must be in a marriage recognized as valid by the Catholic Church.
I am not living together or cohabitating without marriage.

By signing below, the proposed Sponsor solemnly swears that he or she has read the above
criteria, and that the statement above is a true and correct indication of his/her attentions.

Sponsors Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Full Name _____

Address of Sponsor _____