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**SPONSOR FORM & CONTRACT**

Due no later than January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

With the help of their parents, candidates are responsible for choosing a sponsor who will present them to the Bishop during the Liturgy of Confirmation. A sponsor has to be a true model of faith. You have the honor of being chosen by this candidate to be a witness to their initiation into the full Christian life of the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please complete the form below, keep a copy for your records, and return this form to the above address.

As a sponsor, you are expected to:

- Journey with the candidate during the different aspects of the parish preparation program, such as the Rite of Candidacy & Acceptance, Confirmation practice and the day of their Sacrament of Confirmation
- Be a companion, a guide, and a model of faith throughout the candidate's journey and encourage them to deepen their faith and relationship with God throughout their life after they have been confirmed
- Help guide them through struggles and celebrate their triumphs in living the Christian life

As a sponsor, you must also meet the following requirements:

- Cannot be the candidate's parent or guardian
- Must be chosen by the candidate, with the help of the parents
- Must be willing and able to accept the ministry of sponsorship
- Must be at least 16 years of age and a mature active member of the Catholic Church who is a practicing Catholic on a regular basis
- Must have received all Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation

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**TO BE FILLED IN BY THE SPONSOR**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, fulfill all of the above requirements, understand my obligations, and willingly choose to accept the honor of being the Confirmation Sponsor for \_\_\_\_\_.

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*Sponsor's Signature*

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*Date*

SPONSOR'S ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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**TO BE FILLED IN BY THE PRIEST OF THE SPONSOR'S PARISH**

The above named person is an active member of our Parish and to the best of my knowledge fulfills all of the requirements of Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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*Priest's Signature*

CHURCH NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

