

Confirmation Sponsor Declaration

I, _____
Affirm in all sincerity that the requirements as set forth on the previous page are truly fulfilled. I recognize that I will be called to renew the promises of my own baptism; to reject sin and profess my faith in Jesus Christ. I also recognize that this requires that I truly practice my faith by attending Sunday Mass, by prayer, generous concern for others and by living an upright Catholic life under the mercy of God. With this in mind, I promise to be the best possible example in word and deed to:

Name of Candidate for Confirmation

Signature of Confirmation Sponsor

Name of my Parish

Parish Staff Representative

Date _____

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**BEING A
CONFIRMATION
SPONSOR**

**CERTIFICATE OF
ELIGIBILITY
FOR THE
SACRAMENT OF
CONFIRMATION**

A Call to Integrity

Dear Godparent or Sponsor,

Congratulations! You have been asked to be a Sponsor.

The role of a Sponsor is more than merely ceremonial. It is a ministry and a responsibility. The Sponsor represents the Catholic Church at Confirmation and this “representation” must manifest an authenticity.

The sponsor then serves as a role model for the child by living a fully Christian life.

The Church has requirements that must be fulfilled in order to act as a Sponsor. However, the first question is not whether or not the Church will permit me to be a Sponsor, but whether I can allow myself to be one! Each one of us must ask, “*Does my integrity allow me to stand at the Altar and make a public profession that the faith I proclaim in word is truly a faith I practice?*”

The role of Sponsor does not demand that we be a saint, and all of us have need of God’s mercy as we have miles to go on our Christian faith journey. It often happens that we are asked to act as a Sponsor even though we may not be actively practicing our faith.

If you are in a similar situation, we invite you to grow in your faith. You could sit down with a Priest, Deacon, or a practicing Catholic family member or friend to help you take a new path in your faith.

Perhaps you are not ready for this. If you cannot bring yourself to a renewed practice of faith, then please be honest enough to simply ask the relative or friend who asked you to excuse you because you are not able to fulfill this role properly. This is what is meant by *a call to integrity*.

If we can be of any assistance in your decision making or in helping you respond to the grace that this occasion provides for you, please contact us.

Thank you for giving this your best consideration and your prayers. This will help you make the best decision and respond well to this call of integrity.

Sincerely,

Rev. John P. Czahur,
Pastor

Catholic Church Requirements for being a Godparent or Sponsor:

- ✠ **At least 16 years of age**
- ✠ **Received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in the Catholic Church**
- ✠ **Attend Mass regularly on Sundays and on the Holy Days of Obligation**
- ✠ **Receive the sacraments of Penance (Confession) and Holy Communion regularly**
- ✠ **Sincerely try to follow the moral teaching of the Catholic Church**
- ✠ **If married, was married in the Catholic Church**
- ✠ **Not be the parent of the child to be baptized or confirmed**

