

# Sponsor Affirmation of Status as a Practicing Catholic

Godparent/Sponsor for the Sacraments of Baptism and/or Confirmation must be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist, and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the role to be undertaken. The Sponsor is to take care that the confirmed person behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations inherent in this sacrament. **From the Code of Canon Law: (Canons 874-893)**

I hereby affirm that I practice my Catholic Faith by regularly participating in the celebration of Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation and regularly receive Eucharist and make use of the Sacrament of Confession;

I affirm that I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist;

I affirm that I am a registered member of a Catholic parish and fulfill my obligation to my parish to the best of my ability;

If married, my marriage has been celebrated in the Catholic Church; and not bound by any canonical penalty;

If I have children, my children are being educated in the Catholic Faith;

I seek to the best of my understanding of my Catholic faith to be faithful to the teachings of the Church.

If I am not a member of the same parish as the person who I am serving, then I will obtain a **Letter of Good Standing** from my own parish, attesting to the fact that I attend Mass regularly on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, follow the precepts of the Church, and possess no impediments for serving as a godparent or sponsor.

*I do, therefore, solemnly affirm that I meet all the necessary requirements to act as a sponsor, so help me God.*

Signature of Godparent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Godparent: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address City State Zip Code Phone Number

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Where You Are Currently Registered and Full Mailing Address:

Name Address Phone Number

Pastors Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print Name of Parents of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print Full Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

A **Letter of Good Standing** from the Parish where the Sponsor is registered is due no later than March 25, 2019 to the following address.

Church of the Holy Spirit  
Office of Catechesis  
1800 E. Libra Dr.  
Tempe, AZ 85283

## Choosing a Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation

A sponsor should be a faithful Catholic who walks with the candidate as true witness and guide. Ideally, they should be the candidate's baptismal Godparent. This practice supports the connection between Baptism and Confirmation, as extensions of the spiritual family continues this role at Confirmation. They should display maturity for this role and a willingness to witness faith to the candidate. Sponsors should be actively involved in the child's life of faith before, during, and after Confirmation, by praying for them during the preparation process, giving the candidate words of encouragement, attendance when required, and are to present the candidate to the Bishop or Dean for anointing.

### *Qualifications of a Sponsor:*

- A sponsor's function is to take care that the person confirmed behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the duties inherent in this sacrament. **Canon 892**
- It is desirable that the sponsor chosen be the one who undertook this role at baptism, if all other qualifications are met, although another can be chosen. **Canon 874**
- Be at least 16 years old. **Canon 874**
- Be a Catholic who has been fully initiated in the Church in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and who lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken. **Canon 874**
- Cannot be the natural father, mother or adoptive parents of the Confirmation Candidate. **Canon 874**
- If married, is married in the Catholic Church or the marriage is recognized as valid by the Church, or not labor under any other canonical penalty. **Canon 874**
- A sponsor must be leading a life in harmony with the Faith. They must be free of any canonical impediment (RC 5-6; Canon 874, 892-893; CCC 1311; RCIA 10.2).