

SPONSOR CERTIFICATE

In order to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, Church Law requires that the following conditions be met. Please read them over carefully. If you meet all the requirements, sign your name in the space provided and return this form to the parish where you attend Mass for the signature of one of the parish priests and the parish seal.

1. Sponsors must be at least 14 years of age.
2. In order to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, the person selected must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.
3. Persons designated as sponsors must be **practicing Catholics** and be **registered** in their parish. This means **attendance at Mass each week** and regular reception of the Sacraments of Eucharist and Penance. Persons who do not attend Mass and receive the Sacraments should not be admitted as sponsors.
4. If the prospective sponsor is married, the person must have been married before a priest and two witnesses in accordance with the Rites of the Roman Catholic Church. Persons married in a civil ceremony, those married outside the Church without proper permission from the Archdiocese of New York, and those who have entered a second marriage without obtaining an annulment from the Archdiocese, are not permitted to serve as sponsors.

STATEMENT OF SPONSOR:

I have reviewed the above requirements and swear before God that I am living a practical Catholic life in accordance with the teachings of Christ and His Church.

Name of Child (please print)

Signature of Parish Priest

Sponsor Name (please print)

Parish

Sponsor Signature

Address

CHURCH SEAL

Date