

Candidate's Name: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

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Confirmation Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility

(Please read the requirements for sponsorship before signing)

Canon 872,873 and 874 of the Code of Canon Law lists those requirements for the valid and lawful sponsorship in Confirmation.

- The sponsor's role is to assist the person in Christian Initiation.
- The sponsor's role is, together with the parent, to present the child for the sacraments and help him/her to live a life befitting a baptized Catholic Christian.
- Only one male or one female sponsor is to be employed.

A Sponsor:

- Must be mature enough to undertake this responsibility.
- Must have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
- Must be at least 16 years of age.
- Must know the fundamental truths of the Faith and be a practicing Catholic who goes to Mass on Sunday, receives the sacraments regularly, and sees to the religious instruction of his/her family.
- Must be a member of the Catholic Church, canonically free to carry out this office. [This would indicate that Catholics publicly living in an invalid marriage (not according to the Church regulations) and those who are cohabitating (living together without marriage) are ineligible.]

Being a sponsor is not just an honor given to a good friend or relative. Sponsorship implies a real appreciation of the Faith, a practice of the same, and a sense of responsibility toward the person being confirmed.

I declare that I am a registered member of the parish listed below and I fulfill the requirements of Canon Law) listed above to be a sponsor.

Sponsor's Signature: _____

Church Parish: _____

Church Phone Number: _____

This section must be filled out by the sponsor's pastor or his staff.

I certify that the above name person is a member of this parish, is a practicing Catholic and is eligible to act as a sponsor for Confirmation.

Pastor's Signature: _____

Date: _____