

## **CRITERIA FOR SPONSORS FOR CONFIRMATION AT OUR LADY OF JOY**

Being a sponsor for Confirmation is a special privilege in the Catholic Church and carries with it certain responsibilities and requirements. Those who wish to be a sponsor and are not parishioners at Our Lady of Joy Parish must have a sponsor eligibility form signed by the pastor of their parish to which they belong. This eligibility form will state that they are a Catholic in good standing. This may be faxed to Our Lady of Joy at 412-793-5308, but please make sure it states this is a confirmation sponsor letter for .... and name the Confirmation candidate.

Listed below are the requirements of eligibility to be a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of Joy Parish.

1. I am Catholic and firmly believe and accept all the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church.
2. I am at least 16 years of age.
3. I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
4. I attend Mass regularly and receive the Eucharist on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
5. If married, it is a valid marriage in accordance with Canon Law (Church Law)
6. I am not the mother or father of the Confirmation candidate.

Sponsors actively strive to fulfill their responsibilities:

- To live their commitment to Christ by a loving response to those with whom they come in contact daily.
- To be active members of their parish.
- To give support to the person they are sponsoring in daily life, by encouraging the person to act as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfill the responsibilities connected with Confirmation.