

Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Catholic Church

SPONSOR CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR:

Baptism _____ Confirmation _____ RCIA _____

WITNESS/SPONSOR FOR:

(Name of person being baptized or confirmed) _____

SCHEDULED DATE OF CEREMONY (if known): _____

According to the Laws of the Catholic Church, to be admitted to undertake the office of sponsor, a person must: be appointed by the candidate for baptism or confirmation, or by the parents or whoever stands in their place and the **person must be suitable for this role and have the intention of fulfilling it**. The sponsor must be not less than 16 years of age, be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has received the blessed Eucharist, and who lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken, not labor under a canonical penalty, whether imposed or declared, and not be either the father or the mother of the person to be baptized or confirmed. Canon Law # 874

A baptized person who belongs to a non-catholic ecclesial community may be admitted only in company with a Catholic sponsor, as a witness to the baptism.

SPONSOR INFORMATION: I _____ affirm that:
(Please print first and last name)

- I am at least **16 years of age**, I am a **practicing Catholic**, and I have **received the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation** in the Catholic Church.
- I **participate in the Mass** on Sundays and Holydays and receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation regularly.
- I am married, and my marriage is **valid** according to the laws of the Catholic Church or I am single.
- I actively strive to **live out my commitment to Christ** and to the community life of the Church by my loving response to those with whom I come in contact.
- I **am not the mother or father** of the person being Baptized or Confirmed.
- I **realize that I assume a great responsibility** before God and the Church in becoming a sponsor and will faithfully fulfill the obligations connected with it. I will give support to the person I am sponsoring by my prayers and by the Christian example of my daily life.

By my signature, I attest to the truth of these statements: _____
(Sponsor's Signature)

SECTION BELOW TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SPONSOR'S CURRENT PARISH

Priest Signature _____

(Must be signed by a Roman Catholic priest)

CHURCH OF _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Phone # _____ DATE: _____

Please also affix the parish seal on this document.

Please return at **least two weeks** before the scheduled date:

Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Church 221 Columbus Street Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Attention: Jessica Meyer Phone: (608) 837-8509 ext 242 Fax: (608) 825-9585