

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR VERIFICATION FORM
St. Bernard Catholic Church

PART 1

To Whom It May Concern:

- I am a Confirmed, practicing Catholic and am in good standing with the Catholic Church.
- I have carefully read the guidelines for sponsors, found on the back of this page.
- I practice my faith and the celebration of my life and God's life at Mass on Saturdays or Sundays.
- I realize the importance of my good example in encouraging all whom I meet in their journey toward a closer relationship with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and I accept my responsibility as Confirmation sponsor for:

(Confirmation Candidate's Name)

(Sponsor's Signature)

SPONSOR'S PRINTED NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PASTOR VERIFICATION FORM

PART 2

As of _____, I verify that the person named above is a confirmed, registered, and active
(Today's date)

Parishioner of _____ Parish in _____
(Parish Name) (City and State)

and is able to serve in the capacity of **Sponsor for Confirmation.**

(Pastor's Signature)

NAME OF PARISH: _____

PARISH ADDRESS _____

PARISH PHONE NUMBER _____

Please ask your Confirmation sponsor to complete Part 1 and ask him/her to have the sponsor's Pastor complete Part 2 of this form. Thank you.

By May 1, please email, fax, or mail back to:

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CONFIRMATION SPONSOR COMMITMENT GUIDELINES

A Confirmation sponsor is a witness to the commitment that the Confirmand is making to Christ. The sponsor presents the candidate to the Bishop and stands with him/her at their anointing of the Holy Spirit. In choosing a sponsor, the candidate for the reception of Confirmation should select a person with the characteristics listed below. These characteristics come from Canon Law of the Catholic Church and other ecclesial resources.

1. The sponsor may be a man or a woman, but not their parent and must be at least 16 years old.
2. The sponsor must be confirmed, practices his/her faith by regular attendance at Sunday Mass and regularly receives the Eucharist. The sponsor should lead a life in harmony with the Catholic faith.
3. The sponsor will willingly participate in the Confirmandi's preparation process, by being a person who exemplifies in faith and action a life that the Confirmandi can follow as an example of a person journeying toward a closer relationship with the Lord, participates in the liturgies, and will encourage the young candidate to live a Christian life during the preparation period and after Confirmation.
4. Sponsors must bring in a "Pastor Verification Form for the Confirmation Sponsor" which indicates that the sponsor is a confirmed member in good standing*. Please turn it into the Faith Formation Office by May 1st.

*Another parish in the Archdiocese summed up "in good standing" as follows: "Must be a member of the Catholic Church, canonically free to carry out this office. (This would indicate that Catholics publicly living an invalid marriage (not according to Church regulations) and those who are cohabitating (living together without marriage) are ineligible."