*Confirmation Preparation*

**Sponsor Information**

A sponsor must be a practicing, confirmed Catholic, who is at least 16 years of age. He/She may not be the candidate’s mother or father. A godparent is a good choice. The candidate is encouraged to choose someone close by. The sponsor should be a person who is prayerful, open, dependable, loving, and is comfortable sharing his or her faith with young people.

***Role***

The sponsor represents the support and prayer of the entire Church. He/she will be the candidate’s “spiritual friend.” In this program, the following is asked of the sponsor:

* Attend the Confirmation Rehearsal.
* Attend the Liturgy of Confirmation.
* Meet regularly throughout this year of preparation and to discuss the topics addressed in the preparation sessions.
* Share their faith story with his or her candidate.
* Spend time getting to know the candidate, possibly taking him or her out to lunch or dinner, or having him or her over to your home.
* Pray for and with the candidate.
* Present the candidate during the Confirmation Rite.
* Continue to be there for the candidate and lend spiritual support after the Confirmation ceremony is over. (Suggestion: Send a card or note every year on the anniversary of his/her Confirmation.)

**Confirmation Candidate’s Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor’s Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor’s Relationship to Candidate:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor’s Address:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor’s Email:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Sponsor’s Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor’s Date and Location of Baptism:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor’s Date and Location of Confirmation:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor’s Current Parish and Pastor:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**I am a practicing Catholic in both word and deed:** \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

**I am a fully initiated Catholic received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist):**  \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No **I am** \_\_\_\_\_single \_\_\_\_\_married \_\_\_\_\_divorced \_\_\_\_\_widowed

**If married and Catholic, were you married in the Catholic Church (i.e., before a priest and two witnesses or with a dispensation from the Bishop)?** \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

*If you answered “no” to any of the above statements,*

*you are ineligible to serve as a godparent or sponsor at this time.*

***Sponsor’s Agreement***

I agree to serve as a sponsor for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I understand my role as described on the Sponsor Information sheet, which I have received from the candidate and read. I agree to have the required discussions with my candidate. I agree to cultivate a relationship with my candidate during the year of preparation for his/her confirmation and to serve as spiritual support during this important time in his/her life, as well as in the years to come.

* Sponsors need to have several conversations with their candidate throughout their preparation process.
* Sponsors need to attend the Confirmation Rehearsal.
* Sponsors need to be present at the Confirmation ceremony.

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Signature of Sponsor Date