

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR GUIDELINES/COMMITMENT

Due January 9, 2018

Role of a Sponsor

The sponsor leads and inspires the one confirmed to faithfully live as a true witness to Christ and the Gospel. The presence of a sponsor at confirmation is a “very ancient custom of the Church.”

Requirements for Sponsors

The requirements or prerequisites for a person to serve as a sponsor at confirmation are the same as those for sponsors at baptism. . . it is desirable that the sponsor at baptism should sponsor the person when confirmed. This . . . more clearly expresses the link between baptism and confirmation and also makes the function and responsibility of the sponsor more effective.

(Above taken from Code of Canon Law)

1. The sponsor may be a man or woman, but **not the parent**, and be at least 16 years of age.
2. The sponsor is a confirmed Catholic, who practices her/his faith by regular attendance at Sunday Mass, living in harmony with the Catholic faith.
3. The sponsor willingly participates in the Candidate’s preparation process by being a person who exemplifies in faith and action a life that the Confirmand can follow as an example of one on the journey toward a closer relationship with the Lord; participating in the liturgies, attending sessions with the Confirmand whenever possible and encouraging the young candidate to a Christian life during and after the preparation process.
4. Sponsor signs a Commitment Form – *below*.

COMMITMENT

- Δ I am a Confirmed, practicing Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church.
- Δ I have carefully read the Role and Requirements for Sponsors.
- Δ I regularly practice my faith and celebrate the gift of my life and God’s goodness at Sunday Mass.
- Δ I realize the importance of my prayer, action and good example in encouraging all whom I meet in their journey toward a closer relationship with the Triune God, and
- Δ I accept my responsibility as a Confirmation sponsor for

Confirmation Candidate’s Name _____

Sponsor’s Signature _____

Sponsor’s Printed Name _____

Address _____

Relationship to candidate _____

If you share a sponsor or family with another Confirmation Candidate, please list below so we can seat you together at the Cathedral.
