

Confirmation Sponsor Information Form

Sheet Due No Later Than October 8

Information about Choosing a Sponsor

The choice of a sponsor for Confirmation is a very important one. It is an honor to be chosen as a sponsor, but there is much more to the role than its being “honorary.”

The sponsor: **must be a practicing, confirmed Catholic who witnesses, prays, and celebrates Mass and the sacraments regularly. Is a real friend**, someone who you can trust and confide in, someone who is “there” when needed, the kind of person you would like to be. **Is a guide**, a good “listener” who is ready to give advice when asked, one whose experiences as a practicing Catholic is an invaluable source for helping you make decisions about your own life as a Catholic. **Takes an interest** in the program you are following and will be ready to accept the invitations you send to take part, when possible, in the special liturgies and programs celebrated during the preparation program. **Knows you** well enough to say before the bishop and the parish when the time comes that you are someone who is choosing freely to celebrate Confirmation.

Keep in mind that your Godparents spoke for you at Baptism. Since Confirmation completes what was begun at Baptism, it is appropriate that a Godparent be picked as a sponsor. A sponsor for Confirmation **cannot** be the father or mother of the person to be confirmed. Your sponsor must be a **confirmed** Catholic, a person of faith who shares in the Eucharist and lives a Catholic life. **Your sponsor must be at least 16 years old**. Keep in mind, your sponsor does not have to be the same gender as yourself.

Confirmation Sponsor Profile and Interview

Confirmand Name: _____

Sponsor Name: _____

I have chosen this person to present me to the bishop on the day of my Confirmation and be a witness to my commitment to the Catholic faith. I have chosen this person because:

Sponsor Discussion: (Discuss by phone or in person and write your sponsor’s answers)

1. Why is belief in God important to you?
2. What does it mean to you to be Catholic?
3. When do you pray and what is your favorite prayer form?

4. Share an experience of the Holy Spirit acting in your life.
5. How do you live your faith?
6. What service/volunteer work do you perform at your parish or in the community?
7. How did you prepare for your Confirmation? How has your Confirmation affected your faith?
8. How did you know the vocation (marriage/single/ordained/religious life) to which God called you?
9. What advice would you have as I prepare for Confirmation?

Return sheet to Confirmation leader.

Dear Sponsor,

Thank you for your willingness to be the sponsor for this confirmand. It is a great honor as well as duty. Let us briefly reflect upon the reason for and mission of the sponsor.

The person who receives the Sacrament of Confirmation is called to be a Christian Soldier – and therefore they are in need of someone to stand for them, who, as it were, has to instruct them concerning life's spiritual battle and how to triumph over temptation and sin for the glory of Our Lord. We all need a companion on the journey – someone to support us and pray for us, someone to be honest with us and love us.

Being chosen as a Confirmation sponsor is a great privilege and responsibility, as you are being given an opportunity to help guide and instruct them in the ways of the Catholic faith. Therefore, the sponsor is to encourage the confirmed person **to live as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfill the obligations inherent in this sacrament.** So pray, instruct, guide, and encourage your confirmation candidate frequently to live a life worthy of the calling of Christ.

Please take your role as a Confirmation sponsor seriously and realize the moral significance that is entrusted into your care to help this child of God reach their heavenly goal! We all need help, so be courageous in guiding this Son/Daughter of God to seeing and living the Truth! **They Need You!** That is why **They Chose You!**

Let us all strive to be holy as our Lord is Holy and help each other run the race so as to win, so that together we may attain eternal salvation!

Duties of a Sponsor:

- Fill out the attached Sponsor Parish Form and take to your parish for signature and parish seal. Return to your Candidate or Mail to address on form.
- Pray for your Confirmation candidate daily.
- Pray with your Confirmation candidate. Do this over the phone or in person.
- Arrange to meet regularly with the confirmand to discuss their faith and preparation.
- Attend Confirmation Rehearsal: March 8; 6p at St. Veronica Church
- Attend Confirmation: March 9; 10a at St. Veronica Church