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Choosing a Confirmation Sponsor

Each candidate for Confirmation must choose a Sponsor. Your sponsor will present you to the Bishop for anointing at Confirmation. They “speak” for the whole faith community on your behalf, signifying that you are ready to take your place as an active Catholic follower of Jesus. This tradition dates back to the early days of the Church when members of the faith community assumed responsibility (sponsorship) for people who wanted to become followers of Jesus.

WHO? Your sponsor must be a baptized, confirmed Catholic who regularly attends Mass and receives Eucharist. Your mother and father may not serve as your sponsor; a step-parent or grandparent may. If possible your baptismal sponsor, your godparent, may serve as your Confirmation sponsor. This continues the bond of sponsorship that was created when you were baptized. Think and pray about who you want to sponsor you and ask that person to be your sponsor. *Reach out and ask them in the coming days.*

WHAT TO DO? Your sponsor must complete a certificate of eligibility from their parish (attached), which signifies that they meet the requirements of sponsorship. Sponsors should complete the form and then present it to their pastor. Eligibility forms should be attached to this sheet unless the sponsor’s parish mails or faxes it to our parish rectory. A sponsor’s parish certification will confirm that they have received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation and *that your sponsor is a practicing Catholic.*

The following information must be **COMPLETE**.

Your name: _____

Sponsor’s full name: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Sponsor’s Address: _____

In the space below describe what it is that makes your sponsor is an appropriate Catholic role model. What is it about this person’s faith that impresses you? Why will he/she be a good guide for you as you prepare to answer YES to the gift of faith? Attach another piece of paper if you need more room.

Eligibility Certificate for Confirmation Sponsor

As a registered and participating member of the Roman Catholic Community of

(Sponsor's Parish)

located at:

(Parish city/town, state, zip code)

I, _____ affirm and state that:

- I am at least 18 years of age.
- I have received the three Sacraments of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
- As a practicing Catholic, I participate during weekly mass and I receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation regularly.
- I actively strive to live out my Baptismal commitment to Christ and His Church by my loving response to all people, particularly those in need.
- I affirm and believe all that the Roman Catholic Church believes and teaches. I truly make a serious effort to live an upright moral and Christian life worthy of imitation by the one for whom I have been asked to be a sponsor.

(Name of candidate to be confirmed)

I realize that I assume a great responsibility before God and the Church in becoming a Confirmation sponsor. I promise to give support to the person I am sponsoring by my prayers and Christian example in my daily life. I am called upon to walk this journey with them as they prepare for the sacrament. I will encourage him/her to be a faithful witness to the Gospel through growth and education in the Catholic faith. In testimony to the above, I affix my signature

(sponsor's signature)

(sponsor's home address)

For pastor's signature:

Having received the testimony above I am satisfied that, to the best of my knowledge, this person is eligible and capable to assume the duties and responsibilities as a Confirmation sponsor.

(signature of sponsor's pastor)

(date)