

GUIDELINES FOR SPONSORS

Sponsors have an active role in the faith life and preparation of the candidate. The sponsor should regularly pray for and with the candidate; attend classes together as required, and attend Adoration together before the Rite of Confirmation.

Sponsors must be at least 16 years old, fully initiated (baptized, confirmed and received Eucharist) and a practicing member of a parish faith community. They must be leading a life in harmony with the Catholic Faith, and free of any canonical impediments.

The sponsor cannot be the natural or adoptive parent of the candidate. The sponsor is the *patrinis* (literally, 'little parent') or godparent, who assists the parents in forming a child in faith.

If candidates are still in contact with their baptismal godparents, and their godparents can still fulfil the requirements of a sponsor, then the godparents may act as the sponsors at confirmation; and this additionally emphasises the connection between baptism and confirmation. However, others may be asked to fulfil this role.

SPONSOR'S FULL NAME:

Please Print

PLEASE GIVE THIS FORM TO YOUR SPONSOR TO VERIFY THAT HE/SHE IS A PRACTISING CATHOLIC. PLEASE ENSURE THAT HE/SHE CONTACTS THEIR PARISH PRIEST TO COMPLETE THE REST OF THIS FORM AND RETURNS IT TO THE PARISH WHERE THE CONFIRMATION MASS WILL BE HELD AT LEAST TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE CONFIRMATION MASS.

As the Parish Priest of the above-nominated Sponsor, I verify that he/she is a practising Catholic.

SIGNATURE OF THE SPONSOR'S PARISH PRIEST:

NAME AND PLACE OF THE PARISH:

POST CODE

DATED: _____

PARISH SEAL

AFTER THE CONFIRMATION MASS THE INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION WILL BE SENT TO THE PARISH WHERE YOU WERE BAPTISED SO IT CAN BE ENTERED INTO THE BAPTISM REGISTER THERE.