



CONFIRMATION SPONSOR REGISTRATION

The most important role of a Confirmation sponsor is to walk with you and guide you as you prepare to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit in this Sacrament of Initiation. Confirmation sponsors are like spiritual coaches or mentors. They affirm your strengths and point out ways you can grow and become better in the practice of faith. You share your faith journey together. A Confirmation sponsor participates in your preparation and presents you to the bishop or priest during the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please note the following REQUIREMENTS:

1. The sponsor may be a man or a woman, but **not a parent.**
2. The sponsor must be **confirmed and receiving the Eucharist**
3. The sponsor must be **practicing his/her faith by attendance regularly at Sunday Mass**, and leading a life in harmony with the Catholic faith
4. If married, must be married in the Catholic Church
5. If single, must be practicing the Catholic lifestyle
6. Sponsors who are not members of St. Didacus Parish must bring in a letter from their home parishes indicating that they are members in good standing.
7. **See reverse side for more details on who can be a sponsor.**

- I have carefully read the guidelines for sponsors.
- I am in good standing with the Catholic Church.
- I realize the importance of my good example in encouraging all whom I meet in their journey toward a closer relationship with God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I accept my responsibility as a sponsor for

Please print: **(Confirmation Candidate's Name)**

Signed: _____
(Sponsor's signature)

Please Print:

Sponsor Name _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City & Zip Code _____

Parish Name: _____

Sponsors

1. As far as possible, there should be a sponsor for each of those confirmed (Rite of Confirmation). It is not recommended that two or more candidates share the same sponsor.
2. To be a Confirmation sponsor, a person must:
 - a. be at least 16 years of age and **sufficiently mature for this responsibility;**
 - b. **be a Catholic who has been confirmed, has already received first Eucharist and is leading a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken;**
 - c. **not be a parent of the candidate;** and
 - d. not be prohibited by law from exercising the role of sponsor.

[See Canon 893 with reference to Canon 874; Rite of Confirmation, 6.]

Note:

- Each candidate may have only one sponsor and **the sponsor does not have to be of the same gender as the candidate.**
- **It is desirable that one of the baptismal godparents also be the sponsor at Confirmation.** This expresses more clearly the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation and also makes the function and responsibility of the sponsor more effective. **Nonetheless, the choice of a special sponsor for Confirmation is not excluded.**
- Sponsors should be chosen because they will be able to be present for the scheduled celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation and available thereafter to help the newly confirmed fulfill their baptismal promises.

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