



Youth Ministry

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Confirmation Sponsor Application

The sponsor for any candidate may be male or female, and is to be a sufficiently mature, practicing Catholic, who has him/herself been confirmed and has not been prohibited by [Canon] law from exercising the role of sponsor (See #4 below, i.e. if married, be married according to the marriage laws of the Catholic church). A baptismal sponsor is not only allowed but is in fact desired as the Confirmation sponsor to emphasize the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation [Canon 893, #2]. A parent may not act as a sponsor for his or her child but may "present" the child for Confirmation as a "proxy" with another qualified person being the sponsor (if sponsor can't physically attend). [Canon 893, reference to Canon 874, #5]. Grandparents may be sponsors.

See Canon Law sections below concerning confirmation sponsor requirements:

Can. 892 As far as possible the person to be confirmed is to have a sponsor. The sponsor's function is to take care that the person confirmed behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfils the duties inherent in this sacrament.

Can. 874 To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor a person must:

- 1) be designated by the one to be [Confirmed], by the parents or the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the Pastor or minister and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function;
- 2) have completed the sixteenth year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause;
- 3) be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;
- 4) not labor under a canonical penalty, whether imposed or declared [for example, if married, married in the Catholic Church];
- 5) not be either the father or the mother of the person to be baptized or confirmed.

Name of Confirmation Candidate requesting you as sponsor _____

Name of Sponsor _____

Sponsor's Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ e-mail address _____

I meet the above sponsor requirements _____

Signature

date

PLEASE RETURN TO:

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