

Candidate's Name: _____ Grade: _____

SPONSOR CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

Sponsor's Name: _____ DOB ____/____/____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

PLEASE READ THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR SPONSORSHIP BEFORE SIGNING

A sponsor must have the following qualifications:

1. Must be a Catholic who is at least sixteen years old.¹
2. Must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation
3. Must be a person who leads "a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on."²
4. Must not be a parent of the candidate.

In short, a sponsor should be a fully initiated Catholic who is faithful to Christ and his Church. Because of the deep connection between the two sacraments, the Church recommends that the candidate's baptismal godparents be considered as Confirmation sponsors.³

Requirements for a proxy (one who will stand in for the sponsor if unable to be present) are the same as those listed above for a sponsor, with the exception of number four.

Being a sponsor is not just an honor given to a good friend or relative. A sponsor has three primary roles: to assist the candidate in preparing for Confirmation, to present the Candidate for Confirmation, and along with the parents, to help the confirmed person to live out his or her Christian life faithfully. Please understand the great importance of the role to which you are undertaking.

TO BE COMPLETED BY SPONSOR:

I declare that I am a registered member of the parish below, and that I fulfill the qualifications above.

Sponsor Name: _____ Sponsor Signature: _____

Name of Parish: _____ Parish Phone Number: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARISH PRIEST:

(Return unsigned if sponsor is a member of Historic St. Patrick, Holy Trinity, St Mary's in Downs or St. Patrick of Merna)

I certify that _____ is a member of this parish, a Catholic in good standing with the Church, and is qualified to be a sponsor for Confirmation.

Date: _____ (Rev.) _____

¹ "... unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or the pastor has granted an exception for a just cause" (*Code of Canon Law 874*).

² *Code of Canon Law 874*.

³ *Code of Canon Law 893*.