

Confirmation Sponsor Commitment

A confirmation sponsor is a witness to the commitment of the Confirmand is making to Christ. The sponsor presents the candidate to the Bishop and stands with him/her at the anointing of the Holy Spirit. In choosing a sponsor, the candidate for the reception of Confirmation must select a person with the characteristics listed below. These characteristics come from Canon Law of the Catholic Church and Guidelines of the Erie Diocese.

1. The sponsor must be Catholic.
2. The sponsor must be confirmed, receiving the Eucharist, practicing his/her faith by attendance regularly at Sunday Mass, and leading a life in harmony with the Catholic faith.
3. The sponsor cannot be his/her parent.
4. The sponsor is to willingly participate by being a person who exemplifies in faith and action a life that the confirmand can follow as a example of a person journeying toward a closer relationship with the Lord, participates in the liturgies and some classes or service projects, discusses his faith with the confirmand and will encourage the young candidate to live a Christian life after Confirmation.
5. Sponsors must bring in a form from their home parish indicating that they are members in good standing.
6. Sponsor must be at least 16 years of age.

I have carefully read the guidelines for sponsors.

I am in good standing with the Catholic Church.

I practice my faith and the celebration of my life and God's life at Mass on Sundays.

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.

With love for God and my fellow man,

I accept my responsibility as a sponsor for

(Please print your Confirmation Candidate's name)

Signed: _____

(Sponsor's signature)

Please Print: Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Parish _____