

Confirmation Sponsor Certification

Part 1

From the Catholic Church's Code of Canon Law:

#893-1

To perform the role of sponsor [at Confirmation] it is necessary that a person fulfill the conditions mentioned in a canon #874 [which outlines the requirements to serve as a Godparent at a baptism].

#874-1

To be admitted to the role of a sponsor, a person must:

A) *[if the person to be baptized is a minor]* **be designed** by...the parents or the one who takes their place or, in their absence, by the pastor or minister
[for persons over 18 years of age, the person to be confirmed may designate the person to be their sponsor] **And have qualifications and intention of performing the role;**

B) **have completed their sixteenth year:**

C) **be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to undertaken;**
[this means that the Catholic person is fully initiated catholic (having celebrated Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist) and actively practices their Christian faith in a way of life and in their participation in their Catholic parish and the sacraments of the Church]

D) **not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;**
[This means that if the intended sponsor is married, this marriage must be a recognized valid marriage in the Catholic Church. Catholics who are either civilly married, married by common law or living together are not in valid church marriage, and this, by law, have a canonical penalty imposed upon them. The penalty is that the person may not participate in the full sacramental life of the church. Specifically, they may not receive communion, nor may they act as godparents at Baptism or as sponsor of Confirmation. Therefore, if you are married outside of the Catholic Church, you do not meet the requirements for being admitted to the role of Confirmation sponsor.]

E) **not be the father or mother (or step-parent) of the one to be baptized/confirmed.**

I _____ have read and do understand the requirements for serving as a sponsor at

(Print Name)

Confirmation in the Catholic Church. I solemnly swear that I am fully initiated Catholic; that I practice my faith in the way I live and through participation in my parish and the sacraments of the Church; and that, if married, my marriage is recognized by the Catholic Church as valid sacramental marriage. Therefore, I am eligible to be admitted to the role of sponsor.

(Signature)

(Date)

Return to Director of Religious Education at St. Peter Catholic Church, Archbold, Ohio by December 1, 2021

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Part 2**

NAME OF CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE: _____

SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) The sponsor must be 16 years of age or older.
- 2) He/she has received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- 3) He/she is a practicing Catholic who can receive Eucharistic (Communion) at Mass.
- 4) If married, he/she is married in the Catholic Church, or if single, he/she is not cohabiting.
- 5) He/she is not the parent (nor step-parent) of the Confirmation candidate.

NAME OF SPONSOR (as should appear on Confirmation Certificate/registry):

Sponsor Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Sponsor's

Parish _____ City/State _____

My relationship to the candidate _____

I meet all the requirements listed above and will have this form signed by my own parish priest

Sponsor Signature _____ Date _____

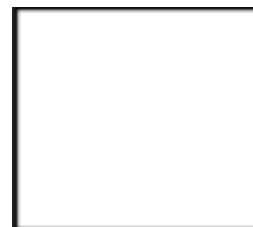
THE FOLLOWING IS TO BE COMPLETED BY SPONSOR'S PARISH PRIEST:

The sponsor above is a member of our parish, and to the best of my knowledge, is a practicing Catholic in good standing and qualified to act as a Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Signature of Priest _____

Date _____

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