

SACRAMENT SPONSOR

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

A godparent is a man or woman representing the Catholic Church for a catechumen that is entering the Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Communion.

A Confirmation Sponsor is a man or woman that represents the Catholic Church to a candidate who already received Christian baptism and is now entering the Church through making a Profession of Faith, receiving Confirmation and Communion.



WHO CAN BE A GODPARENT or CONFIRMATION SPONSOR?

- Must be Catholic
- Must be baptized, confirmed, and receive Communion in the Catholic Church
- Must be at least 16 years of age
- Cannot be the parent or guardian
- Must live a life consistent with their baptismal vows

This means that they must be practicing the faith, cannot be engaging in notorious sin, and cannot have taken public positions in opposition to Catholic faith or morals. If a godparent or sponsor is married, their marriage must be recognized by the Catholic Church. A person who is not Catholic, or who is not living in a way consistent with the faith, obviously cannot provide the example that is part of the task of being a godparent. The role of godparent is a role of service done in the name of the Church, and the person who is a sponsor should be capable of performing that service.

PLEASE DETACH AND TURN IN TO THE FRONT

OFFICE

Catechumen/Candidate Name: _____

Sponsor Name: _____ Phone _____

Sponsor Address _____

Email Address _____ Current Parish _____

Parish Address _____

Parish Phone _____

I _____ affirm that I have received **Baptism, Confirmation** and **Holy Communion** in the Roman Catholic Church. I affirm that I practice my Catholic faith every week in **Sunday Mass** and I am **not bound** by any canonical penalty or irregular marriage. I understand my role as a godparent/sponsor and promise to be a faithful witness of Jesus Christ and His Catholic Church.

Godparent/Sponsor Signature

Date