

# SPONSOR SELECTION GUIDELINES

## **Technically the sponsor must:**

- Be a full member of the Roman Catholic Church, that is must have celebrated all 3 sacraments of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation
- Be an active, practicing Catholic who is not prohibited by Church law from exercising the role of sponsor.
- Be sufficiently mature for the role of sponsor; Canon law requires a sponsor must be 16 years of age or older.
- Not be the candidate's parent

The gender of the sponsor is immaterial. In case of necessity, a parent may serve as proxy for the sponsor, but cannot be the sponsor his/herself.

***Spiritually, the sponsor needs to be someone who can walk with the candidate as a friend in this faith journey, who chooses and desires to follow the Catholic faith, who is a person of consistent prayer, and who is able to bear witness to the Gospel in his or her own faith life.***

**Sponsors, then, are called to act as companions, models, witnesses, and spiritual guides.** Some suggestions for interaction include: meeting for lunch to talk over how the Confirmation process is going, or doing a service project together, or most importantly, **attending Sunday Mass together** whenever possible.

Sponsor must also be willing to respond to questions of the candidate, and research answers whenever possible. The Youth Ministry Office is available for any aid in this matter.

Be sincere and prayerful in your choice of sponsor. Consider if she or he will be willing and able to lead you in faith, to draw you back when you fall away, and to play an important role in your life – beyond this Confirmation preparation process.

# SPONSOR FORM

**YOU HAVE BEEN ASKED TO BE A SPONSOR FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.**

In accepting this role, you are urged to reflect on the importance of this commitment. Please read the following and pray about the responsibilities you will be fulfilling in the candidate's spiritual life.

**Please return this document, completed, by:**

**December 17th, 2023**

- Students can give to their advisor at class
- Holy Family Youth Ministry Office: 4825 N Wildwood Ave; Whitefish Bay, 53217
- St. Robert Youth Ministry Office: 4019 N Farwell Ave; Shorewood, WI 53211

**PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY:**

- 1) I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist and I am sixteen years of age or older.
- 2) I participate regularly in Sunday Mass.
- 3) I give witness to my faith in Jesus Christ by regularly receiving the Eucharist.
- 4) I actively strive to live out my commitment to Christ and to the life of the Catholic Church by my loving response to those I meet in daily life.
- 5) I actively strive to live out my commitment to Christ by making Scripture and personal prayer a part of my regular day.
- 6) **I promise to give support to the person I am sponsoring by my prayers and by the example of my Catholic faith as practiced in daily life.**

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I have been requested to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_  
in the Sacrament of Confirmation. **Name of Confirmation Candidate**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a registered and participating member of:

\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
**Catholic Parish** **City, State**

I hereby declare that I have read the above, and that I fulfill all the requirements to act as a Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Sponsor Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**