

Confirmation Sponsor Form

Information about Choosing a Sponsor

The choice of a sponsor for Confirmation is a very important one. It is an honor to be chosen as a sponsor, but there is much more to the role than its being “honorary.”

The sponsor: **must be a practicing, confirmed Catholic who witnesses, prays, and celebrates Mass and the sacraments regularly. Is a real friend**, someone who you can trust and confide in, someone who is “there” when needed, the kind of person you would like to be. **Is a guide**, a good “listener” who is ready to give advice when asked, one whose experiences as a practicing Catholic is an invaluable source for helping you make decisions about your own life as a Catholic. **Takes an interest** in the program you are following and will be ready to accept the invitations you send to take part, when possible, in the special liturgies and programs celebrated during the preparation program. **Knows you** well enough to say before the bishop and the parish when the time comes that you are someone who is choosing freely to celebrate Confirmation.

Keep in mind that your godparents spoke for you at Baptism. Since Confirmation completes what was begun at Baptism, it is most appropriate that a godparent be picked as a sponsor. A sponsor for Confirmation **cannot** be the father or mother of the person to be confirmed. Your sponsor must be a **confirmed** Catholic, a person of faith who shares in the Eucharist and lives a Catholic life. **Your sponsor must be at least 16 years old.** Keep in mind, your sponsor does not have to be the same gender as yourself.

May the Holy Spirit be with you and your sponsor! Pray for this person, that, moved by the same Spirit, he or she will accept the role with a prayerful, enthusiastic response.

All information must be filled out on the form in order for it to be accepted.

Confirmation Sponsor

I, _____, have chosen
Confirmand's first and last name

_____ to present me to the bishop
Sponsor's first and last name

On the day of my Confirmation and witness to my commitment. I have chosen this

person because _____

(Over)

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR SPONSOR:

(Can be done over the phone or in person)

1. Why is God important to you?
2. Why are you Catholic?
3. How do you pray?
4. Share an experience of God in your life.
5. How do you live your faith?
6. How did you know the vocation (e.g. marriage) that God was calling you to?
7. What advice would you have for me as I prepare for Confirmation?
8. Pray with your sponsor before ending the phone call.

Return sheet to Confirmation leader.

Dear Sponsor,

Thank you for your willingness to be the sponsor for this confirmandi. It is a great honor as well as duty. Let us briefly reflect upon the reason for and mission of the sponsor.

The person who receives the Sacrament of Confirmation is called to be a Christian Soldier – and therefore they are in need of someone to stand for them, who, as it were, has to instruct them concerning life's spiritual battle and how to triumph over temptation and sin for the glory of Our Lord. We all need a companion on the journey – someone to support us and pray for us, someone to be honest with us and love us.

Being chosen as a confirmation sponsor is a great privilege and responsibility, as you are being given an opportunity to help guide and instruct them in the ways of the Catholic faith. Therefore, the sponsor is to encourage the confirmed person **to live as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfill the obligations inherent in this sacrament.** So pray, instruct, guide, and encourage your confirmation candidate frequently to live a life worthy of the calling of Christ.

Please take your role as a confirmation sponsor seriously and realize the moral significance that is entrusted into your care to help this child of God reach their heavenly goal! We all need help, so be courageous in guiding this Son/Daughter of God to seeing and living the Truth! **They Need You!** And that is why **They Chose You!**

Let us all strive to be holy as our Lord is Holy and help each other run the race so as to win, so that together we may attain eternal salvation!

Duties of a Sponsor:

- Pray for your confirmation candidate daily.
- Pray with your confirmation candidate. This can be done over the phone or in person.
- Arrange to meet with the confirmandi to discuss the faith and Confirmation.
- Attend Confirmation Rehearsal. April 12, 2023. (Time is tentative)
- Attend Confirmation: April 16, 2023. (Time is tentative)



Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish

750 10th Avenue South
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495-4100

*Regina Cæli, Lætare!
Queen of Heaven, Rejoice!*

Sacrament of Confirmation • Sponsor Certificate

Those who have been baptized continue on the path of Christian Initiation through the Sacrament of Confirmation, by which they receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, whom the Lord sent upon the apostles at Pentecost. By this gift of the Holy Spirit, the faithful are more fully conformed to Christ and are strengthened with the power to bear witness to Christ for the building up of his Body in faith and charity. They are marked with the character or seal of the Lord in such a way that the Sacrament of Confirmation cannot be repeated.

As a rule, each of those to be confirmed should be assisted by a sponsor, who will bring them to receive the Sacrament, will present them to the minister of Confirmation for the sacred anointing, and afterwards will help them to fulfill their baptismal promises faithfully in accordance with the Holy Spirit whom they have received.

With due regard for contemporary pastoral circumstances, it is desirable that the godparent at Baptism, if available, also be the sponsor at Confirmation. In this way the link between Baptism and Confirmation is more clearly expressed and the role and responsibility of the sponsor are exercised more effectively. Nonetheless, the option of choosing a special sponsor for Confirmation is in no way excluded. Each person to be confirmed may have one sponsor, either male or female.

Section One: Sponsor's Affirmation and Signature

I, _____, a registered member of _____
(full name) (name of church)

Catholic Church, located at _____
(address of parish)

have been asked to be a sponsor for _____,
(name of the one to be confirmed)

the son/daughter of _____,
(name of parents)

who reside at _____,
(address of parents)

telephone number: _____, e-mail: _____
(best number of parents) (best e-mail of parents)

In accepting the responsibility of a sponsor, I affirm that:

- I am designated to be the sponsor and have the aptitude and the intention of fulfilling this responsibility.
- I am at least 16 years old and mature enough to fulfill this responsibility.
- I am a member of the Catholic Church and I have been fully initiated with the three Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, and am living a life consistent with the faith and responsibility of a sponsor, including attending Sunday Mass and frequenting the Sacraments regularly and, if married, being in a valid marriage recognized by the Catholic Church or, if not married, not cohabiting with another.
- I am not the parent or step-parent of the person for whom I have been designated to be the sponsor.
- I am not bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared.

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I understand and accept the responsibility which I undertake as a sponsor and I promise to take care that the confirmed person behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations inherent in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Since solicitude for catechesis belongs to all members of the Church according to each one's role, under the direction of legitimate ecclesiastical authority, I further promise to help form the confirmed person by word and example in faith and in the practice of Christian life.

Signature of Sponsor			Date
Address	City	State	Zip
Home Phone	Cell Phone		
Email			

Your pastor must sign section two of this form and affix the parish seal. Do not submit without your pastor's signature.

Section Two: Pastor's Certification and Signature

This is to certify that the sponsor candidate named above is a registered member of this parish in good standing and, to the best of my knowledge, fulfills the requirements of a sponsor and is capable of assuming the duties and responsibilities of the role of a sponsor.

Signature of Pastor, Parochial Administrator, or Parochial Vicar			Date
Name of Parish			
Address	City	State	Zip
Telephone or E-mail			

Return to:

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish
Attn: Sacramental Records
750 10th Avenue South
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495-4100

(Parish Seal)

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