

# Confirmation Sponsor

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. A sponsor must be a **practicing, confirmed Catholic**, who is at least 16 years of age.
2. Please have the Sponsor obtain a letter from his or her Parish stating that he/she is an **active, participating** member of the Church Parish, and attach it to this form (not necessary for St. Mark parishioners).
3. He or she may not be the Candidate's mother or father since the parent has already taken on a specific role.
4. The candidate is encouraged to choose someone close by, and the sponsor should be a person who is prayerful, open, dependable, loving, and comfortable sharing his or her faith with young people.
5. "Sponsors should not be selected simply on the basis of being blood relations or social friends. Sponsors should be practical Catholics for whom pastors can attest participation in the life of the church." [Canon 874]
6. The Sponsor represents the support and prayers of the entire Church.

Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Sponsor's Current Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Year & Place of Sponsor's Confirmation

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Duties for the Sponsor: (please inform your sponsor of this when you ask them)

1. To attend the Rite of Confirmation Mass and present the candidate. (Nov/Dec 2011)
2. To meet with the Candidate regularly throughout this time of preparation and to discuss the topics addressed in the preparation sessions.
3. To share his or her faith story with his or her candidate.
4. To spend time getting to know the Candidate, possibly taking him or her out to lunch or dinner, or having him or her over to your home.
5. To pray for and with the Candidate.
6. To continue to be there for the Candidate and lend spiritual support after the Confirmation ceremony is over. (Suggestion: Send a card or note every year on the anniversary of his or her Confirmation.)