

# Confirmation Sponsor

## I. Some Basic Church Rules Concerning Sponsors

It is the very ancient custom of the Church that at the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation, a sponsor is present. The function of the sponsor is:

- a) together with the celebrant who confirms, the sponsor is to represent the Catholic Church in receiving the person into the communion of the Church
- b) to assist the person in Christian initiation

In accord with Canon 874 of the Code of Canon Law, the Church can admit a person to the role of the sponsor if:

- a) he or she is sixteen years of age or older
- b) is a Catholic who has been confirmed, has already received the Holy Eucharist, and lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken
- c) is not either the father or the mother of the person

Note that the Catholic seeking to be admitted as a sponsor “lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken.” This means that the candidate for sponsor:

- a) sincerely believes and strives to put into practice the Word of God as taught by the Roman Catholic Church
- b) attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
- c) if married, was married in accordance with the requirements of the Catholic Church

## II. Affirmation of the Prospective Sponsor

If therefore, you seek to be admitted as a sponsor and are convinced that you qualify in accord with the conditions listed above, kindly make the following solemn affirmation:

I, (Print full name) \_\_\_\_\_, a practicing Catholic who seeks to be admitted as a sponsor, solemnly affirm that I fulfill the requirement of the Catholic Church for this role as presented above. I intended with the grace of God, to continue the practice of my Catholic Faith, and I will, to the best of my ability, carry out the obligations of my role as sponsor.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Sponsor

Name of Confirmation Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: If the sponsor is not a member of St. Joseph Parish, Hessen Cassel, then a letter from the pastor of the sponsor's home parish stating the sponsor is eligible to be a Confirmation sponsor must accompany this form.**

**The Confirmation Mass is at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 7 PM.**

**Please go to the following web address <https://vimeo.com/126599960/04b6c31b97> to watch a short video from Bishop Rhoades regarding being a Confirmation Sponsor.**

**If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mr. Brett Rupright**

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