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Confirmation Sponsor Selection Form

Please Print.

Confirmation Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

A sponsor must be a practicing, confirmed Catholic.

Please see reverse side for Archdiocesan and Church Law Guidelines.

The person I have asked and who has agreed to be my sponsor for Confirmation is:

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

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

DUE: May 31, 2018

## SPONSORS

Sponsors must:

- A. Be designated by the one to be confirmed;
- B. Be at least 16 years old;
- C. Be confirmed Catholic who has received the sacrament of Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken;
- D. Not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
- E. Not be the father or mother of the one to be confirmed (c. 874)

While parents are not to serve as sponsors, their role in the faith development of their children is not to be underplayed or minimized.

The 1983 Code of Canon Law has altered the practice of permitting parent sponsors. Two reasons are:

- The sponsor is seen as someone who assists parents in their obligation to raise their child in the faith, especially in the event the parents are unable to perform this function;
- The sponsor represents the larger Church, the entire community of believers.

“As far as possible, a sponsor for the one to be confirmed should be present; it is for the sponsor to see that the confirmed person acts as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations connected with this sacrament.” (c.893)

Candidates may have more than one sponsor, however only one should be designated as the liturgical sponsor who will present the candidate for confirmation.

A proxy may fill in for a sponsor who is unable to attend confirmation.

Priests, women and men religious may be sponsors. Religious may need permission from their immediate superiors to act as sponsor.