

St. Matthew the Apostle Parish
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**CONFIRMATION SPONSOR
ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE**

Congratulations! You have been asked to serve as the Confirmation Sponsor for _____ . There are four principal responsibilities of Confirmation Sponsors:

- To assist, support and encourage Candidates during their ongoing journey to learn about and to live their faith in the Catholic tradition.
- To affirm a Candidate's strengths and point out ways he/she can grow and become better in the practice of faith.
- To set a good example for Candidates of what it means to be a whole-hearted, practicing Catholic Christian – not simply a good person, but a good person who practices their Catholic faith.
- To present the Candidate to the Bishop during the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

As Sponsor, you represent the Catholic Christian community and demonstrate the meaning of being a committed member of that community. As you can see, this is both a great honor and a significant responsibility.

In order to ensure that our Confirmation candidates have the best role models, the Church has developed a set of criteria that potential Sponsors must meet if they hope to fulfill this sacred role and responsibility. Your signature on this form will be your testimony, before God, that you meet these norms. Once you have signed the form, please return it to the Youth Ministry Office at the address above.

Before God, I testify that I meet all of the following conditions that the Roman Catholic Church sets out for the role of Confirmation Sponsor:

1. I am not the parent of the one to be confirmed.
2. I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
3. I am at least 17 years of age.
4. I actively participate in the life of my parish community.

Sponsor's Signature

Date

Sponsor's Printed Name