

## **CONFIRMATION SPONSOR INFORMATION**

*All paperwork must be complete and submitted to the Religious Education Office: NO LATER THAN THE WEEK OF JANUARY 7, 2025*

During the preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation, each candidate must choose a sponsor. A sponsor's role is that of one companioning the candidate throughout the preparation time.

*In choosing a sponsor, the Church's law gives us some requirements that must be met.*

- † A sponsor must be at least 16 years old
- † A sponsor must be fully initiated CATHOLIC (one who has celebrated Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) who "leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken".
- † A sponsor must not be bound by any church penalty (i.e. married outside the Church - a civil marriage), divorced and remarried without an annulment).
- † A sponsor must not be a parent of the one to be confirmed.

**Initials of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*\* Sponsor acknowledges that they have read and meet all criteria**

*It is also important to reflect on the following characteristics when choosing a sponsor:*

- √ Local Residency, to ensure consistent involvement throughout the Confirmation process.
- √ A positive and comfortable relationship with the candidate.
- √ A willingness and capacity to engage in the Confirmation process as a means of enhancing his or her own growth as a Catholic Christian adult.





## *SPONSOR SHEET*

RETURN THIS SHEET TO THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

NO LATER THAN THE WEEK OF  
JANUARY 7, 2025

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to the Confirmation Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

The Parish Sponsor Belongs to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Parish

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

\*\* Sponsor acknowledges that they meet all criteria

**\*\*\* Please Attach the Certificate of Eligibility \*\*\***

1. If they belong to Our Lady of Hope just have them fill out this form and sign it. We will look them up if they are a parishioner of Our Lady of Hope.
2. A Certificate of eligibility from the sponsor's parish attested to by a priest of his/her parish must be submitted by the sponsor.
3. The sponsor should call their home parish and get the certificate and attach to this form



## DIocese OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

### TESTIMONY OF DESIGNATED SPONSOR

*The role of sponsor is an important one for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Today some may see the role as honorary, but the Church sees the sponsor, popularly called a godparent, as a fully-initiated Catholic who actively supports the newly Baptized or Confirmed by good example and instruction in the Christian life.*

*In order to be admitted to the role of sponsor, the law of the Church directs that a person must be designated specifically by the parents of the infant or the individual who is to be baptized or confirmed. To be a sponsor, a person must be a baptized Catholic, at least sixteen years of age, and have already received the Sacraments of the Most Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. In addition, he or she must be leading a life in harmony with the Catholic Faith and not be bound by a canonical penalty.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare that I have been chosen to act as a sponsor for \_\_\_\_\_, who is to receive the Sacrament of Baptism/Confirmation on \_\_\_\_\_ at the Church of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

In assuming this responsibility, I testify that:

- **I am at least sixteen years of age.**
- **I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist.**
- **I am living a life in harmony with the teachings of the Catholic Church in faith and morals.**

Understanding the role of sponsor as prescribed by the Church and aware of the obligations and responsibilities of this role, I attest that I am willing and able to accept the role of sponsor in the Catholic Church.

By my signature, I solemnly swear that I fulfill all of the requirements to be a sponsor as described above. I attest to the truth of this statement, so help me God.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Designated Sponsor

