

# CHOOSING YOUR CONFIRMATION SPONSOR



Prayerfully consider who you would like to ask to be your Confirmation Sponsor. A sponsor for a Confirmation candidate is meant to provide spiritual help to the candidate (Catechism 1311). It should be someone whose faith life inspires you, someone you admire.

The Canonical requirements for Sponsors are listed below; please take time to review them. Talk it over with your parents and when you've made your decision, write a brief letter/email or phone call to your intended Sponsor asking them for their support as your Sponsor for your Confirmation. Be sure to tell them why you would like their support as your Sponsor; what brought them to mind when considering who you would like to have as your Confirmation Sponsor?

## The Role of the Sponsor

***The sponsor is to take care that the confirmed person behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations inherent in this Sacrament.” (Canon 892)***

- Represents the Church to the candidate and is responsible for inviting him or her into a closer relationship with Christ and His Church.
- Shares his/her faith story with the candidate.
- Prays for and prays with the candidate.
- Attends the Confirmation rehearsal and the Liturgy of Confirmation.
- At the time of Confirmation, will present the candidate to the Bishop and say that he/she is ready to receive the Sacrament.
- Will continue to be there for the candidate and lend spiritual support after the Confirmation ceremony is over.

## Canonical Requirements for Sponsors (Canon 874)

***The Universal Church specifies that a sponsor must:***

- Must be 16 years old.
- Be a Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
- Lead an active life of faith (e.g. weekly attendance at Sunday Mass, regular reception of the sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation, etc.)
- Not be the father or mother of the one to be Confirmed. (Parents can stand as proxy for a sponsor of record)
- Godparents are the desired choice for a sponsor.

## Parish Requirements for Sponsors

**Sponsor must provide a Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility/Sponsor Referral initiated from their home parish, signed with the church seal sealed by the priest, stating that he or she is a practicing Catholic in good standing. **November 7, 2021.** (Sample on back side of this form)**

**NOTE:** Sponsors who attended St. Joan of Arc PSR program and were confirmed at St. Joan of Arc need **not** submit a form.

Form can be submitted the following ways:

- 1) Hand in
- 2) Mail To: St Joan of Arc Catholic Church  
PSR Office Attn: Margie Gesell  
10700 Liberty Rd South  
Powell, Ohio 43065
- 3) Emailed to: [mspacerwork@stjoanofarcpowell.org](mailto:mspacerwork@stjoanofarcpowell.org)

Candidate may choose only **ONE** sponsor.

We recommend that one sponsor per candidate as the relationship demands such a significant time commitment and personal attention from the sponsor that it would be difficult to meaningfully develop the relationship envisioned by the Church if a sponsor had more than one candidate. However, if there are extenuating circumstances please contact the middle school coordinator.

Complete the Sponsor Interview questions with the Confirmation candidate.



## Sponsor Referral for Confirmation

Congratulations on having been asked to serve as a sponsor for Confirmation! This is a wonderful privilege and one not to be taken lightly. A sponsor for a Confirmation candidate is meant to provide spiritual help to the candidate. (Catechism 1311) He or she should be willing to serve as a strong and lasting Christian influence on the candidate. The sponsor enters into a spiritual relationship with the candidate and acts as a sort of spiritual parent and mentor. Therefore, it is both a great blessing and a responsibility to commit to the role as a sponsor.

**Please return this completed form by week of November 7, 2021 to Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Church.** The form may be submitted any of the following ways: By Hand, Mail, or Email to:  
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### Statement of Faith

**SPONSOR:** -Please read carefully and complete.

I have been requested to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ in the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church Powell, Ohio.

- I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- I am sixteen years of age or older.
- I participate regularly in Sunday Mass.
- I give witness to my faith in Jesus Christ by regularly receiving the Eucharist.
- I actively strive to live out my commitment to Christ and to the life of the Catholic Church by my loving response to those I meet in daily life.
- I actively strive to live out my commitment to Christ by making Scripture and personal prayer a part of my regular day.
- I promise to give support to the person I am sponsoring by my prayers and by the example of my Catholic faith as practiced in daily life.

I hereby declare that I have read the above, and that I fulfill all the requirements to act as a Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Sponsor's Full Legal Name **Printed** \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Full Legal Name **Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

To be completed by sponsors pastor or church office staff:

I verify that \_\_\_\_\_

has been a member of \_\_\_\_\_ Church since \_\_\_\_\_

Located: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

and is qualified to be a Confirmation Sponsor. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Pastoral Staff Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Seal