

Acknowledgement of Confirmation Sponsor Eligibility Requirements

A sponsor must meet certain clear requirements in order to be eligible to serve as a sponsor. This "Acknowledgement" form indicates that the Confirmation candidate and his/her parents or guardian are aware of and understand these requirements. This form must be initialed and signed by the Confirmation candidate and signed by at least one of his/her parents or guardian and returned as part of the initial registration process for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Candidates, please initial next to each statement, signifying your understanding of the statement:

_____ I understand that to be eligible to be a sponsor, a person must be a practicing Catholic. That is, I understand that I must choose as my sponsor a person who is actively and presently practicing their Catholic faith and is a member of a Catholic parish, attends Mass regularly, frequents the Sacraments, and lives a life in conformity with the Catholic faith.

_____ I understand that a person who is not presently practicing their Catholic faith as outlined above and who is not attending the Catholic Church regularly is not eligible to serve as sponsor.

_____ I understand that a person who cannot obtain a certificate of eligibility signed and sealed by a pastor of a Catholic Church is not eligible to serve as my sponsor.

_____ I understand that my chosen sponsor must be regularly and presently attending the Catholic Church; and I further understand that attendance at a non-Catholic Church while not regularly attending the Catholic Church does not meet the eligibility requirement.

_____ I understand that my chosen sponsor must be at least 16 years of age as of the date scheduled for my Confirmation.

_____ I understand that my sponsor must have already received the three Sacraments of Christian Initiation (**Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation**) in the Catholic Church or have been formally and officially Received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church.

_____ I understand that my parents are not eligible to serve as my sponsor.

_____ I understand that exceptions to these policies cannot be made, except for the requirement of age.

_____ I understand that the parish will suggest and provide a sponsor for me if I am not able to choose an eligible sponsor myself.

X _____ Date: _____
Confirmation Candidate Signature
Print Name: _____

X _____ Date: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature
Print name: _____