

Sponsor For Confirmation

Person To Be Confirmed: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Some Basic Church Rules Concerning Sponsors

In accord with **Canon S74 of the Code of Canon Law**, to be admitted to undertake the office of a sponsor, a person must:

- A. Be not less than sixteen years of age.
- B. Be a Catholic who has been Confirmed and has received the Sacrament of the Blessed Eucharist, and who lives a life of faith which befits the rule to be undertaken.
- C. Not be either the father or the mother of the person to be confirmed.
- D. Must be registered and active in their parish.
- E. Note that the Catholic seeking to be admitted as a sponsor must "lead a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken." This means that the prospective sponsor: 1) Sincerely believes and strives to put into practice the Word of God as taught by the Catholic Church. 2) Regularly takes part in the Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation. 3) If married, is married according to the law of the Church. Consequently, those Catholics who... a) are invalidly married, as for example, before a justice of the peace or, without proper dispensation, before a minister of a Protestant church or before a rabbi. b) are divorced and invalidly remarried **do not qualify** to be admitted as a sponsor.

Affirmation Of The Prospective Sponsor

If, therefore, you seek to be admitted as a sponsor at Confirmation and are convinced that you qualify in accord with the conditions listed above, kindly make the following solemn affirmation:

"I, _____, a practicing Catholic who seeks to be admitted as a sponsor at Confirmation, solemnly affirm that I fulfill the requirements of the Catholic Church for this role as given above. I intend, with the grace of God, to continue the practice of my Faith and I will, to the best of my ability, carry out the obligations of my role as sponsor.

(Date)

(Signature)

Church Seal:

(Signature of Priest)

(Name of Church)