

SELECTING A SPONSOR

In preparation of Confirmation, you are asked to choose a sponsor... “a spiritual friend”... to help you take this important step. A sponsor should be someone with whom, you can talk easily and who models the faith for you. For these reasons, it is strongly recommended that you select a sponsor who lives either in the parish or nearby.

SPONSOR INFORMATION

SPONSORS NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

(CITY)

(STATE)

(ZIP)

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

I have been asked by _____ to be their

sponsor for Confirmation. I _____AM / _____AM NOT a registered member of

Holy Cross Parish in Anchorage.

Requirements for being a sponsor are as follows:

1. Designated by the Confirmation candidate or parent;
2. Completed their sixteenth year;
2. A confirmed, actively participating Catholic;
3. Can be either male or female.
4. Can NOT be the father or mother of the candidate.
5. Must complete and return Sponsor Registration (included in this packet) to the Theresa Austin at Holy Cross Parish.

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Name of person to be Candidate: _____

Candidate's Parish _____

Name of Sponsor: _____

Sponsor's Parish: _____

(Full Address and Phone Number Please)

CONGRATULATIONS!
You are being invited to serve as a SPONSOR for the
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.

This is the time for you to reflect on your own faith and fidelity to Christ and His church.

REGARDING CONFIRMATION SPONSORS:

In accord with Canon 874 of the Code of Canon Law, the church can admit a person to the role of Sponsor at Confirmation only if –

- **He or She has completed their 16th year in age.**
- **He or She is CATHOLIC and has received Confirmation and First Communion and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken.**

Given the function and role of a Sponsor, a non-Catholic Christian cannot be admitted as a Sponsor for Confirmation. A non-Christian cannot serve in this capacity but is welcome to be present at the ceremony.

- **The Sponsor is not the father or mother of the person being confirmed.**

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****Note that the Catholic seeking to be admitted as a Sponsor must, “lead a life in harmony with faith and the role to be undertaken.” This phraseology means that the candidate for Sponsor...**

- **Sincerely believes and strives to put the Word of God into practice as taught by the Catholic Church.**
- **Regularly takes part in the Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation; and**
- **If married, is married according to the law of the Catholic Church.**

Consequently...

1. Those Catholics who are not actively affiliated with the worshipping community.
2. Those Catholics who are not validly married, as for example, before a justice of the peace, or without proper dispensation, before a minister of a non-Catholic Christian church or before a rabbi.
3. Those Catholics who are divorced and remarried with out an annulment.

DO NOT QUALIFY to be admitted as a Sponsor for Confirmation.

AFFIRMATION OF THE PROSPECTIVE SPONSOR

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

“I _____, a practicing Catholic who seeks to be admitted as a Sponsor for Confirmation, solemnly affirm that I fulfill the requirements of the Catholic Church for this role as given above. I will, to the best of my ability, carry out the obligations of my role as Sponsor.”

Signature of Sponsor	Date
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Signature of Sponsors Pastor or Parish Life Director	Date
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(Sponsor’s Church Seal)

**THIS SPONSOR CERTIFICATE must be returned to the
Holy Cross Religious Education Office**