

**December 04, 2016**

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Confirmation SPONSOR Requirements**

### **SPONSORS**

Candidates for Confirmation fittingly seek the spiritual help of a sponsor. The selection of a Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation should be done with careful thought and consideration. Each candidate is asked to choose a practicing adult member of the Catholic community who will walk with you and help you to celebrate Confirmation. The sponsor represents the believing Catholic community and should be seen as a life-long role model and guide for the Candidate.

### **According to Canon Law the Confirmation Sponsor must be:**

- A Confirmed Catholic not less than 16 years of age to take on the role of a sponsor. (Note: The sponsor's gender need not be the same as that of the candidates.)
- Active in his/her faith and Christian life. Active participation means that the sponsor regularly attends Mass and is involved in the life of his/her parish.
- A person suitable for the role and intend to fulfill it, preferably one of the Baptismal Godparents or someone outside the immediate family. **Parents may not be a sponsor for their own child.**

A practicing adult Catholic is one who is registered as a member of a parish and regularly attends Sunday Mass. The priest of the parish where the sponsor is registered is bound in conscience and in Canon Law to refuse to give a sponsor certificate to anyone lacking these requirements. **Sponsor certificates are required from ALL sponsors.** Please consider the above requirements before asking someone to serve in this capacity to avoid any embarrassment. If any clarifications are needed, please speak to a priest or call our office at (215) 721-6559.

*Please have your sponsor contact his/her parish to obtain the Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility as soon as possible.*

**Due by December 04, 2016**

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## **CONFIRMATION SPONSOR INTERVIEW**

1. The sponsor's name is: \_\_\_\_\_

2. How is your sponsor a model of our Catholic faith? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What does he/she remember about his/her Confirmation? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. How old was your sponsor when he/she received Confirmation? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Who was their sponsor? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Why does he/she feel it is important to continue to practice their Catholic faith?

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7. Do they ever have moments when they find it hard to be strong in their faith? Yes/No

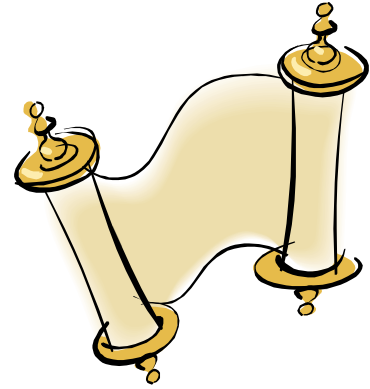
If so, what do they do to resolve their questions? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Covenant to the Confirmation Process

The Confirmation preparation process is a journey in which the Candidate will explore different aspects of faith, church ministry service. This process necessitates a full commitment from the Candidate, Parents/Guardians and Sponsor as this is a Sacrament definition, calls for a time of reflection on personal faith and a more participation in the life of the Church.



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### **Active participation includes:**

- Regular attendance at the Parish Religious Education Program or School, including completion of all related assignments.
- Weekly attendance at Sunday Mass.
- Selection of a Sponsor and completion of a Sponsor Interview and related report.
- Attendance and participation at all sacramental preparation sessions. These include but are not limited to: a candidate retreat, Confirmation and Confirmation rehearsal.



### Candidate Covenant

- † I understand that it is my choice to enter into the process of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation as presented to me in this Covenant to the Confirmation Process.
- † I am ready to enter into this journey leading me to the Sacrament of Confirmation with my Parents, Sponsor, fellow Candidates and the Parish Community.
- † I understand what it means to be an active participant and will have an open heart and mind throughout the process, allowing the Holy Spirit to lead me to Confirmation.

Candidate Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Gaurdian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_