

Students - please give these pages to your Confirmation Sponsor to read and fill out in blue or black ink.

What you should know about being a Confirmation Sponsor:

- 1) The sponsor *must be* a Confirmed Catholic in good standing with the Church and over the age of 16 years. This requires the person to have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. **A married sponsor must have a valid marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.**

A practicing Catholic in good standing:

- a) Attends Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
 - b) Attends the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) at least once a year.
 - c) Receives the Sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.
 - d) Observes the days of fasting and abstinence (from meat) established by the Church.
 - e) Helps to provide for the needs of the Church, according to his or her ability.
 - f) Is not cohabitating.
- 2) The sponsor should be someone who has influenced or encouraged you in your faith journey and must be willing to take on the role of discipling the Confirmand now and in the future.
 - 3) The sponsor must be willing to attend and participate in the Confirmation process, assisting in the preparation and education for this Sacrament.
 - 4) The sponsor must be willing to serve as a Catholic model of what it means to be a person who has a relationship with Jesus Christ and lives the faith daily.
 - 5) The sponsor should be someone who lives close enough to be active in the Confirmation activities throughout the year. *An exception is made if the Confirmation Sponsor is also the Baptismal Sponsor.*
 - 6) The sponsor should be someone the Confirmand is comfortable spending time with and talking openly about their faith - someone who is a part of their life on a regular basis.
 - 7) **A sponsor CANNOT be a parent.** Parents have already made a commitment at Baptism to raise their child in the faith. The parent should NOT choose a Confirmation sponsor for a Confirmand (unless the Confirmand has limitations that prevent him or her from being able to choose). This is a personal decision that is important for the Confirmand to decide.

Confirmation Sponsor Expectations

- 1) Meet informally/check in with the Confirmand monthly before Confirmation.
- 2) Attend Mass with the Confirmand 2-3 times per year (or attend separately and then connect to discuss).
- 3) Attend the Confirmation rehearsal at the end of the 2nd year of preparation.
- 4) Pray for the Confirmand during this time and in the future.

- 5) Attend the Sacrament of Confirmation to fully support the Confirmand.
- 6) Intend to continue to disciple the Confirmand in his or her faith journey after the reception of the Sacrament.

Qualities of a Confirmation Sponsor

- Mentor: A person who is willing to accept people as they are created and is open to discovering and nurturing the Confirmand's gifts (charisms). The Sponsor will be a companion of the Confirmand's faith journey, promoting a sense of belonging to the Church community.
- Prayer warrior: A person who prays daily and is open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. A good sponsor will pray regularly for the Confirmand.
- Generous: A person who is generous with time for the Confirmand, providing patience, prayer, understanding, love, and faith.
- Considerate: A person who respects the opinions, ideas, gifts, hopes, fears, and feelings of the Confirmand. Someone who recognizes the importance of confidentiality.
- Faithful: A person who is steadfast in constantly seeking a closer relationship with Jesus Christ in union with the Church, while growing and living out the faith in daily life.

STUDENTS DO NOT fill out the form - it is to be filled out by your sponsor IN BLACK OR BLUE INK and signed by the local parish Priest where the intended Sponsor is a registered member. Form must be returned to: St Rose of Lima Religious Education Director 1601 N Tennessee Blvd, Murfreesboro, TN 37130.



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SPONSOR INFORMATION*: please print clearly and fill out all requested information.

Birth Name of Sponsor _____

Please provide information indicating your eligibility to be a Confirmation sponsor.

**If the sponsor was baptized in another country, obtaining copies of the records may take several months.*

1) Sponsor's Baptism Information:

a) Date of Baptism _____

b) Name of Parish where you were baptized

c) City and State/Country where Parish is located

2) Sponsor's Confirmation Information:

a) Date of Confirmation _____

b) Name of Parish where you were Confirmed

c) City and State/Country where Parish is located

3) If you are currently married, please provide the name and city/state of the parish where you were married (marriage must have been witnessed by a Priest or Deacon).

I, _____ (sponsor's name) verify that:

Mark Y (yes) or N (no)

___ I worship regularly at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and give witness to my faith in Jesus Christ by frequenting the Sacraments.

___ My life is a living testimony to my commitment as a follower of Christ in the way I give of my time, talent, and love to others.

___ Yes, my marriage was witnessed by a Catholic Priest or Deacon in the Catholic Church.
(If you are not married, mark this n/a.)

No, I am not currently married (choose one below):

I am in a relationship and not cohabitating.

I am not in a relationship at this time.

I am divorced and have received an annulment

I am divorced and have not received an annulment and I am staying single.

I am divorced and have not received an annulment and I'm in a relationship.

I have read the information, expectations, and qualities of a Confirmation Sponsor and do hereby affirm my desire to be a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation for:

(Printed Name of Student)

(Printed Name of Sponsor)

(date)

(Signature of Sponsor)

I attest that the sponsor listed above is a registered parishioner and is actively participating in the Sacraments and living the faith. The sponsor meets all of the requirements to serve as a sponsor and disciple for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

(Please print clearly) Name of Priest: _____

(Parish stamp here)

Signature of Parish Priest: _____

(This is signed by the Priest at the parish where the Confirmation Sponsor is currently a registered member. ***If the sponsor received the sacraments here at Saint Rose of Lima, add a separate note indicating this and turn in the form.*** We will obtain the signature needed by the Priest.)