



Love God,
Love Others,
Make Disciples

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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CONFIRMATION SPONSORS REQUIREMENTS

A sponsor is a person chosen by the candidate as a mentor in the process of full initiation into the Catholic Church. The sponsor's role is to walk the journey of faith as a companion to the youth being fully initiated. This person should have established a good rapport with and be able to talk easily with the young person. Being a sponsor is not just an honour. The sponsor must be an active, practicing Catholic who can be a role model for the candidate. Remember that being a "Sponsor" at a Sacrament makes you a proper representative of the Catholic Church. If someone does not go to Mass or practice their Catholic faith, the role of representative would be inappropriate for them. How could someone ever represent a group in which they no longer participate?

Requirements for a sponsor*:

1. Be a fully initiated (Baptized, Confirmed and has made First Communion) practicing Catholic in good canonical standing who participates in Sunday liturgy, leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken, and is willing and able to participate in the Eucharist with his/her candidate.
2. Be appointed by the candidate for Confirmation, or by the parents, or whoever stands in their place; to be appointed, the person must be suitable for this role and have the intention of fulfilling it.
3. Be not less than sixteen years of age.
4. Not be the father nor mother of the one to be confirmed;
5. **Not labour under a canonical penalty, whether imposed or declared. For example: married outside the church or in a second invalid marriage or cohabitating.**
6. Ideally be the baptismal sponsor so that the link between Baptism and Confirmation is expressed clearly.
7. A male could be a sponsor for a female candidate or a female could be a sponsor for a male candidate.
8. Be close enough in age and geography as to be able to maintain appropriate contact with the candidate before and after Confirmation.

**The Sponsors Requirements are taken from the Sacramental Guidelines of the Archdiocese of Toronto, the Catechism of the Catholic Church 1285-1321, the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Confirmation 265-270 and Canon Law 897-958*



PLEASE HAVE YOUR SPONSOR READ, COMPLETE & SIGN THE 'CONFIRMATION SPONSOR FORM' LOCATED ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS DOCUMENT.



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ROLE OF SPONSOR

“The importance of the role of sponsor is given new emphasis in the rite of confirmation. Sponsors represent the Christian community. They accept the baptized Christians in the name of this community of believers and present them to the minister [a bishop or pastor] for the anointing, asking that they be received into full membership with the community. After the sacrament is celebrated, it is for the sponsor to assist the newly confirmed to fulfill their promises under the influence of the Holy Spirit and to act as a true witness to Christ.”

SPONSORS INFORMATION

I wish to be a Confirmation Sponsor for _____ (candidate’s name) of _____ (school attending), a candidate for the sacrament of Confirmation at Holy Family Parish, Whitby, Ontario.

I, _____, am at least 16 years old, have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and am registered and active parishioner in the Roman Catholic Church. I am committed to keep God’s commandments as Jesus has taught us: to worship God through prayer and faithfully attend Sunday Mass and to also strive to translate my faith into good examples and works.

Signature of Sponsor: _____ Date _____

Sponsor’s Email: _____

Sponsor’s Address: _____

Sponsor’s Telephone Number: _____

Sponsor’s Parish: _____

Sponsor’s Parish & Year of Confirmation: _____

Sponsor’s Parish & Date of Baptism: _____



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