

Confirmation Sponsors Certificate of Eligibility

Please carefully read the requirements of sponsorship before signing

Sponsor Information

The Church recognized sponsors as people who are guides, models, friends, companions, and witnesses - responsible people the parish entrusts to accompany the candidates on the way to Confirmation.

Requirements of a Sponsor

Canons 872 - 874 of the Code of Canon Law lists the requirements and qualifications of those who serve as a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation

- Must be mature enough to undertake this responsibility
- Must have received the three sacraments of Initiation, namely: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation
- Must be no less than 16 years of age
- Must believe all that the Catholic Church believes and teaches, and truly make a serious effort to live a good, moral life worthy of imitation; and sees to the religious instruction of his/her family
- Must be an actively practicing Catholic, participating at Mass on Sundays and Holy days, and receiving the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation regularly
- Must be canonically free to carry out this office (This means that Catholics publicly living in an invalid marriage [not married in the Catholic Church or having not had their marriage validated by a priest] and those that are cohabitating living together without marriage] cannot serve as a sponsor)
- Sponsors may not be parents, or someone in a special relationship with the candidate.

Qualities of a Sponsor

Hospitality. A sponsor must be a welcoming and inclusive person - a host. The sponsor needs to be open to accepting and discovering the person and the gifts - sometimes hidden - of his or her candidate. The sponsor needs to help the candidate discover both the comfort and challenge offered by the community of faith and help establish a sense of belonging in the candidate.

Prayerfulness. The sponsor is a person of prayer. By being willing to pray and trying to pray - the sponsor will be responsive to the needs of the candidate and to the messages of the Holy Spirit.

Respectfulness. The sponsor needs to remain open and considerate. To value and respect the opinions, ideas, gifts, talents, hopes, fears, and feelings of the candidate. Show respect by treating the sharing with confidentiality.

Generosity. In the hustle and bustle of today, to be a sponsor takes a certain generosity. A sponsor is someone who can be called upon to be generous with many precious commodities - time, talent, patience, prayer and feelings.

Faithfulness. Faithfulness does not mean perfection. A sponsor's faith does not have to be perfect, solid, or totally secure. Rather it must be steadfast, seeking, open and growing. The community is made up of people on the way - people who have not yet arrived!

**St. Alphonsus
Sponsor Form for Confirmation
Certificate of Eligibility**

For St. Alphonsus Office use only:

Pastor approval _____

Please Print

Candidate's Name _____ Date _____

Name of Sponsor _____

Email address of Sponsor _____

Sponsor's Phone Number _____

Catholic Parish where registered _____

Sponsor, please read and complete the following:

As a practicing Catholic and Sponsor, Please circle or initial each of the following statements to signify that you understand and are compliant with the statement.

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| ➤ I declare that I am a baptized and confirmed Catholic | Yes | No |
| ➤ I am formally registered in the Catholic Church parish listed above | Yes | No |
| ➤ I believe all that the Catholic Church believes and teaches | Yes | No |
| ➤ I fulfill my weekly obligation by attending Mass on Sundays | Yes | No |
| ➤ I received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation regularly | Yes | No |
| ➤ I have celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage in the Catholic Church | Yes | No |
| ➤ I am working with a priest or deacon to have my marriage validated in the Catholic Church | Yes | No |
| Yes | No | |
| ➤ If yes name of priest or deacon _____ | | |
| ➤ I realize that I assume a great responsibility before God and the Church in becoming a sponsor | | |
| _____ | | |
| ➤ I intend to encourage and support the one I am sponsoring in the practice of the Catholic faith by my word and example _____ | | |

Signature of the Sponsor _____

To be completed by your Pastor: (No signature is required if the sponsor is a registered St. Alphonsus parishioner)

I hereby certify that _____ is a registered member of this parish, is a practicing Catholic and is eligible to serve as a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Name of Church Parish: _____ Rev. _____
Date: _____

Please return by: mail, or fax to:

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