



Confirmation Sponsor

You are admired for your faith! You have been chosen to be the Sponsor for a teen receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Rose Catholic Church, Lima, Ohio.

Canon 892 states, "The sponsor's function is to take care that the person confirmed behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the duties inherent in this sacrament."

About being a Confirmation Sponsor:

A Confirmation Sponsor is a personal witness of the Catholic faith to the candidate. A sponsor is encouraged to participate in the candidate's preparation process in ways they see fit. A good idea might be to write a letter to your candidate to give them before or after Confirmation that shares your faith, ideas or even your own Confirmation experiences.

A sponsor should be willing to play a role in the authentic spiritual development of the Confirmation candidate both before and after the sacrament. The sponsor is to help the confirmed faithfully fulfill the obligations of a Catholic Christian faith life. Therefore, a sponsor should be sufficiently mature, emotionally and spiritually, to carry out these duties.

The sponsor should be present at the celebration of Confirmation. If that is not possible, a proxy may take the sponsor's place.

Sponsor qualifications:

- ✠ At least 16 years of age
- ✠ Be Catholic
- ✠ Received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation
- ✠ Participates in the Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
- ✠ Is a follower of Christ in everyday life, a teacher of the faith by example, and an active member of a believing community
- ✠ If married, validly married according to the teachings of the Catholic Church
- ✠ Is not prohibited from receiving the sacraments
- ✠ Not a mother, father or step-parent of the candidate