



St. James Parish

Religious Education Program

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SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY FORM

Dear Sponsor:

You have been named by _____ to be his/her sponsor for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Your candidate has chosen you to walk a journey in faith with him/her as he/she prepares for the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. James Parish. The word sponsor means "one who promises to help someone and who takes on a responsibility for someone." Truly, this is a great privilege and honor in the faith journey of this candidate.

The Church asks that you take this responsibility seriously and reflect upon your own commitment to faith and discipleship. It is the hope of the Church that you will stand beside this candidate, spiritually supporting him/her as he/she continues to grow in the light and love of the Lord.

Thank you for prayerfully reflecting upon accepting this responsibility. If you accept this significant role in this candidate's preparation for Confirmation and sharing with his/her parent(s), and our parish community, in your candidate's spiritual growth and development please review the requirements for being a sponsor and return this form through your candidate to the Office of Religious Education by January 10, 2021.

Please direct any questions, to the Office of Religious Education.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fillie Duchaine
Coordinator of Religious Education



The role of the sponsor is to present the candidate for confirmation and to assist in the faith formation of the person being confirmed. With the parents, he/she helps the baptized to lead a Christian life in harmony with the grace of baptism. Candidates for Confirmation should choose a sponsor who will take this role of assistance seriously through faithfully witnessing to their own baptism, confirmation, and faith.

Honoring the importance and necessity of the role of the sponsor, the Church has established norms governing the qualifications needed to be a godparent and sponsor (Code of Canon Law nn. 872-874). There is to be only one sponsor male or female. A sponsor is:

- to be designated by the one to be confirmed
- to have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function
- to have completed the sixteenth year of age
- to be a Catholic fully initiated into the Catholic Church having celebrated the Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist
- not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared
- not be the father or mother of the one to be confirmed.
- to live a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken. This means that a sponsor sincerely believes and strives to put into practice the Word of God as taught by the Catholic Church; regularly takes part in the sacramental life of the Church; and if married, is in a valid marriage in accordance with the requirements of the Catholic Church.

Accepting the invitation to be a sponsor, I affirm that I fulfill the norms regarding the qualifications for assuming the role of godparent.

Sponsor Signature: _____

After signing, please forward this form to parish office for affirmation by a parish priest.

Parish Priest

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