



St. Margaret of York Parish
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Confirmation Sponsor Requirements and Certification Steps

Background

The role of a sponsor for Confirmation is to help the candidate become a true witness of Christ Jesus. The sponsor is trustworthy, willing to listen, and gives witness to faith in Christ Jesus in such a way that a candidate seeks spiritual help from the sponsor. Living a Christ-centered life, sharing faith, allowing faith to inform important life decisions, and giving time, talent and treasure to serve others teaches the candidate to do the same and leads him or her into a deeper personal relationship with Christ Jesus and the Church. To emphasize the strong connection between Baptism and Confirmation, it is appropriate and desirable that one of the godparents from Catholic Baptism serve as sponsor for Confirmation. However, a fully initiated Catholic relative or friend can be a sponsor for confirmation also.

Requirements

Sponsors for Confirmation must:

1. Be suitable for this role and have the intention of fulfilling it.
2. Be at least 16 years of age.
3. Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has received Holy Communion.
4. Live a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken.
5. Not be a parent of the candidate.

Certification Steps

1. Complete the top portion of the Confirmation Sponsor Certification form.
2. Send it to the chosen Catholic.
3. Chosen Catholic completes the "Sponsor's Statement of Faith" section.
4. Chosen Catholic asks his or her pastor to complete the "Parish Certification" section – **obtain parish seal.**

Returning Certification Form to St. Margaret of York Parish

1. Certified Confirmation sponsor returns the completed form to the candidate who submits it to his or her Catechist along with the Confirmation Registration Form.



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Confirmation Sponsor Certification Form

Sacramental Candidate's Name: _____

Catholic Godparent's/Sponsor's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Sponsor's Statement of Faith

I, _____, hereby state that I am:

- 16 years of age or over.
- A fully initiated Catholic (received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist).
- A registered member of _____ Parish.
- Trying to live a Christ-centered life that includes regular attendance at Sunday and Holy Day Mass.

Sponsor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Certification by Catholic Sponsor's Parish

This is to certify that to the best of my knowledge, _____
Godparent's / Sponsor's Name

- Is a registered and active member of my parish.
- Is a regular participant in Sunday and Holy Day Mass.
- Is a Catholic canonically in good standing.

Pastor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Church of: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

