

SPONSOR FORM

Good Shepherd Catholic Church
Elk Grove, California

Sponsor's Information

SPONSOR'S ROLE: The sponsor represents the support and prayer of the entire Church. He/she will be the candidate's "spiritual friend." In this program, the following is asked of the sponsor.

- Accompany the candidate to the sponsor and candidate retreat (during the second year of preparation), which is specifically designed for sponsor/candidate interaction.
- Sponsors need to attend the Confirmation rehearsal.
- Attend the Liturgy of Confirmation.
- To meet with the candidate regularly throughout the preparation process and to discuss the topics addressed in the preparation sessions.
- Share their faith story with his or her candidate.
- Spend time getting to know the candidate.
- Pray for and with the candidate.
- Present the candidate during the Confirmation Rite.
- Continue to be there for the candidate and lend spiritual support **after** the Confirmation ceremony is over. (Suggestion: Send a card or note every year on the anniversary of his/her Confirmation.)

(please PRINT legibly)

Confirmation Candidate's Name: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's Relationship to the Candidate: _____

Sponsor's Date of Confirmation: _____
(Year is sufficient)

Sponsor's Parish of Confirmation: _____
(Parish Name, City & State)

Sponsor's Mailing Address: _____

Sponsor's Telephone Number: _____

Sponsor's Email Address: _____

Sponsor's current home Parish: _____
(Parish Name, City & State)

Sponsor's current home Parish Priest: _____

Continue on the back side for the Sponsor's Agreement (must be signed by the SPONSOR)

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SPONSOR GUIDELINES: According to Canon Law, a Sponsor must be...

- A confirmed & practicing Catholic
- At least 16 years of age
- If the Sponsor is married, he/she must have been married in the Catholic Church.
- The Sponsor may not be the candidate's mother or father.
- The candidate may select only ONE Sponsor to present him/her during the Confirmation Rite.

The candidate is encouraged to choose someone who lives close by. The sponsor should be a person who is prayerful, open, dependable, loving, and is comfortable sharing his or her faith with their Confirmation Candidate.

I, *(Sponsor's name)* _____, *(please check the appropriate boxes)*

Was Confirmed in the Catholic Church

Am an active, practicing Catholic

Am over the age of 16

Am / Am Not married *(circle one)*

If married: Was / Was Not married in the Catholic Church *(circle one)*

I agree to serve as a sponsor for *(fill in the Candidate's name)* _____, who is currently participating in the Good Shepherd sacramental preparation program for Confirmation. I understand the Sponsor Guidelines and my role as a Confirmation Sponsor.

I agree to attend the following parish events with my Candidate during their sacramental preparation:

- The **Candidate / Sponsor Retreat** that will be held in the fall of the Candidate's second year of sacramental preparation. *Date to be provided ASAP.*
- The **Confirmation Rehearsal & Mass** that will be in the spring of the Candidate's second year of sacramental preparation. *Date to be provided ASAP.*

I agree to cultivate a relationship with my candidate while they are on this sacramental preparation journey and further, serve as spiritual support during this important time in his/her life, as well as the years to come.

Sponsor's Signature

Date