

Good Shepherd Catholic Church
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The Sponsor must meet the prescribed qualifications from the Code of Canon Law (Canons #874 & 893).
See the reverse side to review the Sponsor's qualifications & role.

To be completed by the Sponsor

Confirmation Candidate's Name: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Age: _____ Are you an active/practicing Catholic? _____

Church where Baptized: _____
(Parish Name, City, State, Country)

Church where Confirmed: _____
(Parish Name, City, State, Country)

Are you married? _____ By a Catholic Priest? _____

Church where married: _____
(Parish Name, City, State, Country)

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.

I further promise that I will participate in any activities required of me by Good Shepherd Catholic Church in helping to prepare my Candidate to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Signature of Confirmation Sponsor: _____ **Date:** _____

**To be completed by the SPONSOR'S Parish prior to submitting to Good Shepherd Parish Office of Religious Education.
(with official parish seal)**

I know the above named person to be Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. This person participates regularly in the life of the Catholic Church, is bound by no canonical penalty, and is able to fulfill the responsibilities involved in sponsoring the Catholic initiation of another.

Yes _____ No _____ other _____ (please explain)

Name of Priest or Deacon _____

Signature of Priest or Deacon: _____ Date: _____

Parish: _____
(Parish Name, City, State, Country)

SPONSOR QUALIFICATIONS

According to the Code of Canon Law (Canons #874 & 893), a Sponsor must...

- Be at least 16 years of age at the time the Candidate is Confirmed.
- Be a Roman Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation and receives the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year.
- Be a practicing Catholic who attends weekly Mass and Holy Days of Obligation.
- Believe in and live their life according to the teachings of the Church.
- Be married in the Catholic Church and presently living a valid marriage.
OR
- Be single and not living with a partner.
- NOT be the candidate's parent.

The candidate may select only ONE Sponsor to present him/her during the Confirmation Rite and be the Sponsor of Record.

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

SPONSOR'S ROLE

The sponsor represents the support and prayer of the entire Church and he/she will be the candidate's "spiritual friend & companion" on this faith journey. The following is asked of the sponsor.

- Accompany your candidate on their Confirmation Preparation journey.
- Meet with your candidate regularly throughout the preparation process and to discuss the topics addressed in the preparation sessions – either in person or virtually.
- Share your faith story with your candidate.
- Spend time getting to know your candidate.
- Pray for and with your candidate.
- Attend the shared Candidate/Sponsor events at the parish: Candidate/Sponsor Retreat, Confirmation rehearsal and Confirmation Mass. Please consider attending other Parish and Confirmation Preparation related events that your candidate invites you to share with them.
- Present the candidate during the Confirmation Rite.
- Continue to be there for your candidate and lend spiritual support long after the Confirmation Mass is over.