

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH CONFIRMATION SPONSOR TESTIMONY FORM

Adapted from the Diocese of Raleigh

I, _____, a practicing member of _____,
(NAME OF SPONSOR) (NAME OF PARISH)
testify by my answers and signature below that I am qualified to serve as a Confirmation sponsor in the
Catholic Church for _____.
(NAME OF CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE)

(SPONSOR EMAIL ADDRESS)

() -
(SPONSOR PHONE NUMBER)

Please circle either YES or NO for each question below:

- YES NO Are you a Roman Catholic?
- YES NO Are you at least 16 years old?
- YES NO Have you received Confirmation and Holy Eucharist in the Catholic Church?
- YES NO Are you free to receive Holy Communion when you come to Mass?
- YES NO Are you someone other than a parent of this candidate?

Answer the following only if married:

- YES NO Was your present marriage celebrated in the presence of a Catholic minister?
- YES NO If no, was your present marriage celebrated outside a Catholic Church with the written permission of a Catholic bishop?

Answer the following only if unmarried:

- YES NO Are you living with another person in a romantic relationship or as a couple?

I sign this document in the presence of a Church Representative from my parish (Priest, Deacon, or Faith Formation staff member). I understand that my signature attests that my above answers are truthful.

Sponsor Signature _____

Date _____

Church Representative's Signature _____

Church Representative's Title _____

Church Representative's Parish _____

Church City and State _____

Date _____

PARISH SEAL

Responsibilities of a Confirmation Sponsor

According to Merriam-Webster, a sponsor (also called a godparent) is a person “who presents a candidate for baptism or confirmation and undertakes responsibility for the person’s religious education or spiritual welfare.” The sponsor’s priority is to prayer for their candidate, to accompany their candidate as they walk with Christ, and to help form them through teaching and the Sacraments.

When choosing a sponsor, candidates should look for someone who:

- loves Jesus and the Catholic Church and whose life bears the fruit of that love
- will teach them who Jesus is and how to live in relationship with Him
- they trust and feel comfortable speaking openly with
- is available to make a regular commitment to meet with them (weekly, no less than monthly)
- is preferably local and can meet face-to-face

It is very appropriate for a godparent to also sponsor for Confirmation.

Some responsibilities of a sponsor to the candidate before Confirmation include, but are not limited to:

- praying regularly for and with the candidate,
- attending any required events (currently: Confirmation Rehearsal and Mass),
- nurturing a relationship with the candidate built on truth with love,
- being open about their own spiritual journey (to the extent appropriate) to witness to the faith,
- helping teach the candidate about the Catholic Faith and Church teachings, and
- leading the candidate into a deeper personal relationship with the Lord.

Some responsibilities of a sponsor to the candidate after Confirmation include, but are not limited to:

- maintaining regular contact with the confirmed by phone, text, email, etc.,
- praying regularly for the confirmed,
- helping the confirmed continue to grow in their faith and relationship with the Lord,
- encouraging the confirmed’s participation in the life of the Church, especially through the parish,
- being available for continued catechesis and questions, and
- mentoring the confirmed in how to practically bear witness to Christ and through the Holy Spirit.