

SAINT EDWARD CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Sponsor Certification for Baptism/Confirmation

I, _____(name) have been asked to be the Godparent/ Sponsor for (name of recipient) who will receive the Sacrament of ___Baptism ___Confirmation. I am aware of my responsibility to support the person who is receiving this Sacrament by my example, involvement, and prayers, and to assist his/her parents in raising him/her in the Catholic faith. I am aware of the requirements for being a Godparent/Sponsor and so attest to the following:

Please initial each of the following:

_____ I am at least 16 years of age.

_____ I have received the Sacrament of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation in the Roman Catholic Church.

_____ I practice the Catholic faith by attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

_____ I sincerely try to follow the moral teachings of the Catholic faith and try to lead a Catholic life with integrity.

_____ (If married) I was married in the Catholic Church.

_____ I am not one of the parents of the person receiving the Sacrament.

Signature _____ Date _____ Tel. _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____

RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR PASTOR TO COMPLETE. THEN FORWARD TO THE PASTOR OF THE CHURCH WHERE THE SACRAMENT IS TO TAKE PLACE.
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To be filled out by the Pastor of the Godparent/Sponsor:

(Name of godparent/sponsor) _____ assures me that the above requirements are fulfilled.

_____ He/she is a registered and active member of our parish.

_____ He/she has recently registered and promises to make the parish his/her spiritual home.

_____ I have discussed being a Catholic Godparent/Sponsor with the Godparent/Sponsor who has promised to use this invitation to rekindle his/her faith.

Signature of Priest/Delegate _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Parish _____

City/State _____

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The Role of the Confirmation Sponsor

The sponsor has a unique and important role in the Confirmation process. Today, as in the early Church, Confirmation sponsors serve as guides, spiritual directors, confidants and examples. The sponsor is someone whose life is a powerful witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is the Confirmation sponsor who presents the candidate to the church and testifies to his or her commitment.

Qualifications

To be a sponsor, I realize that I must:

1. be an active, practicing Catholic.
2. not be one of the candidate's parents.
3. have received the three Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation - in the Roman Catholic Church.
4. be receiving the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist regularly.
5. be married in the Catholic Church, if married.
6. plan to maintain an ongoing relationship with the candidate in order to promote the candidate's lifelong spiritual growth.

Sponsor Activity Suggestions

The following is a list of suggested activities you may participate in to support the candidate.

1. Get to know your candidate and his/her family in the here and now.
2. Pray for the candidate.
3. Attend Mass together. Invite your candidate to pray with you. Read Scripture together; share your favorite readings.
4. Share your own spiritual journey with your candidate.
5. Take the candidate out...to a movie, for a meal, to the mall, etc.
6. Complete service projects together. If you are in a ministry, invite your candidate to join you.
7. Pray for the creativity of the Holy Spirit to guide you in ways to build a lifelong relationship of trust, love and faith with your candidate.