

Confirmation Sponsor Information Sheet

Please fill out this form completely (leave nothing blank) and return it by **December 15, 2014**. Your sponsor is asked to come to at least one class during the year. Please read the following paragraph carefully:

The primary job of a sponsor is to be a witness to you of the Catholic life. The sponsor's way of support the candidate during the preparation period by talking with him or her about their Confirmation classes and service work. If sponsors would like to help with any of the classes or service work, they would be more than welcome to do so. Sponsors can help you learn more about your Confirmation preparation by answering any questions you may have about the Catholic faith. If the sponsor lives too far away for this to be possible, they should keep in touch with you by phone, email, or by letter. The sponsor acts as a spokesperson for the entire Church. The sponsor presents you to the Bishop, and in doing this, states that they feel you are ready, not only to celebrate the Sacrament, but also live a Christian life. The sponsor should continue to support you in your Catholic faith in the years ahead.

Candidate Name (your name): _____

Candidate's Confirmation Patron Saint: _____

(Note: There has been a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church of choosing a "new" name for Confirmation. Candidates who wish to choose a new name should select one from a person in the Bible or from one of the saints. Sponsors can assist the candidates by telling them about their favorite saints. Students may also check out books from the Faith Formation Office on the lives of the saints or use the websites suggested by the Confirmation catechists.)

Sponsor's Relation to Candidate (friend, aunt, uncle, etc.): _____

Sponsor's Complete Address (including city and zip code): _____

Sponsor's Phone Number: _____

Sponsor's Parish: _____

(Note: Sponsors must be Catholic, a member of the Church in good standing, and have already celebrated Baptism, Communion and Confirmation. A letter from their parish attesting to this is necessary for all sponsors not registered at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish.)

WHEN CONSIDERING YOUR CHOICE OF A SPONSOR, THE PERSON MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. The sponsor should be a faithful member of the Catholic Church who is an active participant in the Mass, attends every Sunday, and receives the Sacraments often.
2. The sponsor must have already celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, Penance, and Confirmation.
3. The sponsor must be in good standing with the Catholic Church and free to celebrate the Sacraments (for example, a person who has remarried outside the Church cannot be a sponsor).
4. A sponsor may be one of the candidate's baptismal godparents. This would be a follow-up to the relationship and responsibilities that flow from Baptism.
5. According to the directives in the Code of Canon Law #893, neither the father nor the mother of a candidate can be a sponsor. The sponsor must be at least 16 years of age.