



# SPONSOR INFORMATION

A Sponsor must be a practicing, confirmed Catholic, who is at least 21 years of age. He or she may not be the candidate's mother or father. A godparent is a good choice. The candidate is encouraged to choose someone close by. The sponsor should be a person who is prayerful, open, dependable, loving, and is comfortable sharing his or her faith with young people.

## Role

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

1. Accompany the candidate to the sponsor and candidate session which is specifically designed for the sponsor/candidate interaction.
2. Sponsors are encouraged to attend the reception welcoming home the candidates back from their weekend retreat.
3. Sponsors need to attend the Confirmation Rehearsal.
4. Attend the Rite of Confirmation.
5. To meet with the candidate regularly throughout the confirmation preparation process and to discuss the topics addressed in the preparation sessions.
6. Share their faith story with his or her candidate.
7. Spend time getting to know the candidate, possibly taking him or her out to lunch or dinner, or having him or her over to your home.
8. Pray for the candidate.
9. Present the candidate during the Confirmation Rite.
10. 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 or her confirmation.)

# St. Joseph Church, Adrian, Michigan

## Confirmation Sponsor Eligibility Statement

The sacrament of confirmation imparts a character and enables the person who has been baptized to continue on the journey of initiation into the Christian faith, by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Those who receive this sacrament are empowered to witness to Christ in word and in deed, and to proclaim the gospel message. A Confirmation Sponsor assists the person to be confirmed by joining the candidate in his or her journey of faith, before and after the celebration of the sacrament, helping the candidate to live as a true witness to Jesus Christ. Please note that Confirmation Sponsors themselves must be baptized, should be at least 16 years of age and should have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Confirmation Sponsors' current lifestyle should be in accord with the Catholic faith.

### TO BE COMPLETED BY CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

PLEASE CHECK ALL STATEMENTS THAT APPLY:

- My life bears witness to my readiness for this role:
- I am baptized and currently a practicing Catholic of at least 16 years of age.
- I have received the sacrament of Confirmation.
- I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior and Lord.
- I am a registered member of my parish.
- I regularly attend Sunday Mass
- I am open to the living Word of God in sacred Scripture and the Church.
- I try to live my life according to Gospel values, even when they conflict with the value systems of our culture and society.
- I intend to encourage this child in the practice of the Catholic faith by word and example.

### THE STATEMENTS I HAVE CHECKED ARE TRUE.

**My full name** (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

**My signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name, address and phone of my parish** \_\_\_\_\_

**My home address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of student to be confirmed** \_\_\_\_\_

TAKE THIS TO YOUR PASTOR – (to be completed by personnel at Confirmation Sponsor's parish)

I verify that \_\_\_\_\_ is:

A Catholic in good standing

A registered member of this parish.

*AFFIX PARISH SEAL HERE.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Official Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR SHOULD RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO STUDENT'S PARENTS.