

THE ROLE OF CONFIRMATION SPONSORS

Sponsors' most important criterion is maturity in faith. Sponsors must be fully initiated by Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, be an active member of the Catholic Church, and if married, in a valid Catholic marriage.

To be chosen as a sponsor is a special honor. You represent the Catholic Faith Community. You, above all others, have been entrusted with the responsibility to participate in this candidate's Christian life and education. This privilege offers you the opportunity to develop a mutually enriching spiritual relationship—one that will last throughout this life and beyond.

There are many ways you can nurture this spiritual relationship and become a special friend to your candidate. Among them are:

- *Celebrate the anniversary of this holy day of Confirmation each year with a visit, or a card.*
- *As your candidate continues to grow in the life of Christ, listen to and share in the struggles and triumphs of living a Christian life and keep yourself informed on Christian doctrine and values, to be able to answer questions as they arise.*
- *Encourage a consistent life of faith through special cards, letters or gifts, which celebrate holy events...Christmas, Easter... and personal growth events...graduation, first job, engagement.*
- *Participate in, or send assurances of prayer, as your candidate makes major life decisions regarding marriage, career or a decision to enter religious life etc.*
- **And most importantly,** *continue to be a model of Catholic living for your candidate, through daily prayer, virtuous living and active participation in parish life and liturgy, particularly weekly Sunday Mass.*

SPONSOR'S COMMITMENT

Date of your Confirmation _____ Church/City of Confirmation _____ Copy of certificate required

Date of Marriage _____ Church/City of Marriage _____ Copy of certificate required

I understand my commitment to the above role and accept the responsibility of being a sponsor to:

Name of Candidate

Signature of Sponsor

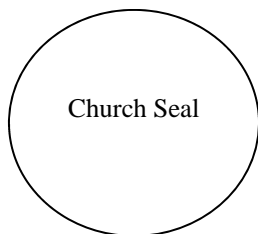
Date of Commitment

First _____ Middle _____ Last _____
Print Full Legal Name of Sponsor

***If your sponsor is not a St. Mary Magdalen/St. John registered parishioner,
the following must be completed by the pastor from his or her parish.***

PASTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO BE A SPONSOR

The person signed above is a member of this parish, a fully initiated Catholic and is eligible to act as a Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Pastor's Signature _____

Print Pastor's Name _____

Parish _____

Complete Address _____