

## SPONSOR CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

**Please read this document entirely before signing.**

Name of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Cannon 872 and 874 of the Code of Canon Law lists those requirements for valid and lawful sponsorship in Confirmation:

- The sponsor's role is to assist the person in Christian initiation
- The sponsor's role is, together with the parents, to present the child for the sacrament and help him/her to live a life befitting a baptized Catholic Christian.

A Sponsor:

1. Must be mature enough to undertake this responsibility
2. Must have received the three sacraments of initiation, namely Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation
3. Must be not less than 16 years of age
4. Must know the fundamental truths of the Faith and be a practicing Catholic who goes to Mass on Sunday, receives the sacraments regularly, and sees to the religious instruction of his/her family
5. Must be a member of the Catholic Church, canonically free to carry out this office. (This would indicate that Catholics publicly living in an invalid marriage (not according to the Church regulations) and those who are cohabitating (living together without marriage) are ineligible.)
6. Must not be father or mother of the one confirmed.

Requirements for a Proxy are the same as those listed above for a sponsor, with the exception of number 6.

Being a sponsor is not just an honor given to a good friend or relative. Sponsorship implies a real appreciation of the faith, a practice of the same, and a sense of responsibility toward the person being confirmed.

I declare that I am a registered member of the parish listed below and that I fulfill the requirements of Cannon Law (listed above) to be a sponsor.

Sponsor Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsor's Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the person named above is a member of this parish, is a participating Catholic, and is eligible to act as a sponsor for Confirmation.

Rev: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Pastor