Candidate's Name: _____

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS

SPONSORS

Candidates for Confirmation fittingly seek the spiritual help of a sponsor. The selection of a Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation should be done with careful thought and consideration. Each candidate is asked to choose a practicing adult member of the Catholic community who will walk with you and help you to celebrate Confirmation. The sponsor represents the believing Catholic community and should be seen as a life-long role model and guide for the Candidate.

According to Canon Law the Confirmation Sponsor must be:

- A Confirmed Catholic not less than 16 years of age to take on the role of a sponsor. (Note: The sponsor's gender need not be the same as that of the candidates.)

- Active in his/her faith and Christian life. Active participation means that the sponsor regularly attends Mass and is involved in the life of his/her parish.

- A person suitable for the role and intent to fulfill it, preferably one of the Baptismal Godparents or someone outside the immediate family. **Parents may *not* be a sponsor for their own child.**

A practicing adult Catholic is one who is registered as a member of a parish and regularly attends Sunday Mass. The priest of the parish where the sponsor is registered is bound in conscience and in Canon Law to refuse to give a sponsor certificate to anyone lacking these requirements. **Sponsor certificates are required from ALL sponsors PRIOR to Confirmation, including from those sponsors who are registered members of St. Stanislaus parish.** Please consider the above requirements before asking someone to serve in this capacity. If any clarification is needed, please speak to a priest or call the Parish Office.

> *Please have your sponsor contact his/her parish to obtain the*
> *Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility by December 14, 2025.*
> **(This page does NOT take the place of the Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility.)**

Sponsor Information

Sponsor Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Sponsor's Phone: _____ (home or cell)

Sponsor's email: _____

Sponsor's Parish: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State:_____

☐ My sponsor meets all requirements as outlined above and **will obtain a Certificate of Eligibility by December 14, 2025**.

Candidate Name: _____

<u>CONFIRMATION SPONSOR INTERVIEW</u>

1. Sponsor's name and Parish_____

2. How is your sponsor a model of our Catholic faith? _____

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3. What does he/she remember about his/her Confirmation? _____

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4. How old was your sponsor when he/she was confirmed? _____
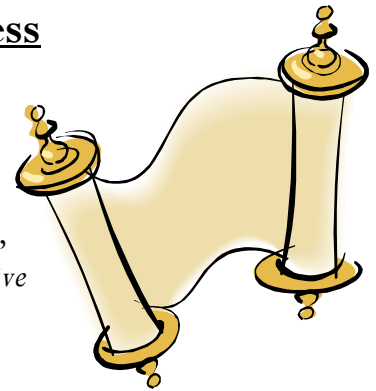
5. Who was their sponsor? _____

6. Why does he/she feel it is important to continue to practice their Catholic faith?

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7. Do they ever have moments when they find it hard to be strong in their faith? Yes/No

If so, what do they do to resolve their questions? _____

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Covenant to the Confirmation Process

The Confirmation preparation process is a journey in which the Candidate will explore different aspects of faith, church ministry and service. This process necessitates a full commitment from the Candidate, Parents/Guardians and Sponsor as this is a Sacrament that, by definition, calls for a *time of reflection on personal faith* and a *more active participation in the life of the Church.*

Active participation includes:

- Regular attendance at the Parish Religious Education Program or Catholic School, including completion of all related assignments.
- Weekly attendance at Sunday Mass.
- Selection of a sponsor and completion of all sponsor forms.
- Attendance and participation at all sacramental preparation sessions. These include but are not limited to: a Mass to bless the candidates, a candidate retreat and Confirmation rehearsal.

Candidate Covenant

† I understand that it is my choice to enter into the process of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation as presented to me in this Covenant to the Confirmation Process.

† I am ready to enter into this journey leading me to the Sacrament of Confirmation with my Parents, Sponsor, fellow Candidates and the Parish Community.

† I understand what it means to be an active participant and will have an open heart and mind throughout the process, allowing the Holy Spirit to lead me to Confirmation.