

Sponsor Registration Form

In accordance with Canon Law, sponsors must be *at least sixteen years of age, practicing Catholics* who have received the *Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist*.
They must be registered at a Parish.

Parents may not be sponsors for their own children.

SPONSOR'S Information **PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY**

Name as it should appear on the certificate (First/Last) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Sponsor's email _____

Are you registered at St. Joseph Fullerton? Yes _____ No _____ *

***If not, please have your parish complete the bottom of this form.**

I have reviewed and discussed with my candidate this year's program, it's requirements for both candidate AND sponsor, and have prayerfully considered this opportunity to share and grow in my faith. I feel I understand that my candidate has chosen me as his/her faith mentor and the importance of this role. I accept the requirements and responsibilities outlined and will be present both for the benefit of my candidate and the program as a whole.

I recognize that as a sponsor for this sacrament, I am committed to keep God's commandments as Jesus has taught us: To worship God through prayer and faithfully attend Sunday Mass and to also strive to translate my faith into good examples and works. I hereby state that I:

_____ am a baptized and currently practicing Catholic

_____ am at least 16 years of age.

_____ have received the sacrament of Confirmation.

_____ am a registered member of _____ Parish in _____
(name of parish) (City, State)

I swear that the above statements are true. I also promise to assist this candidate both before and after the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

SPONSOR'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

If not a registered member of St. Joseph Fullerton: Please obtain the signature of the Pastor of the parish to which you belong in the certification statement below.

Name of Parish _____ Address of Parish _____

This is to certify that _____ is a Catholic, in good standing and a registered member of this parish.

SIGNATURE OF PASTOR

DATE

(SEAL)

2023-2024

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Confirmation

SPONSOR INFORMATION SHEET

What do Sponsors ‘Do’?

We may agree that as adults in today’s world we are used to being defined by what we do. In fact, this is a common first question we ask one another on first meeting. It is a comfortable way to initiate the small talk that at some point might evolve into deeper conversation. Yes, as a Confirmation *sponsor*, you will have particular things “to do”. This will include presenting the candidate to the bishop on the day of Confirmation. But you are about to embark on a journey with a young person. *What you DO* is not the primary concern. This is a journey less concerned with what you will do as a sponsor and more with *who you are as a person of the Gospel*. This journey will take you and a young person to new and exciting places in your lives of faith. Can a young person read the Good News in the actions of your life?

Called to Relationship with Youth

In your role as a sponsor, you are part of an exercise in building relationships. These relationships allow young people to know adults who care about them and who are willing to walk as companion pilgrims on a life-long journey of faith. A special young person has called you into deeper relationship. At the center of this relationship is our faith.

Nurturer and Supporter of Faith Growth

You are one of the nurturers and supporters of faith growth for the Confirmation candidate. The integrity with which you live your faith and take care of its growth is as important as the walk in faith you are a part of with the young person. You have been chosen to share that faith which is a gift freely given by God.

Being Present

Your presence in the life of the young person who has chosen you as sponsor *is essential*. Your relationship has the potential for creating very sacred space between the two of you—*Holy Ground*. To walk on holy ground with a young person is indeed a blessing. We encourage you to use this phase of candidate preparation as a time to help your candidate grow in faith while at the same time renewing your own faith.

Sponsor Requirements:

The sponsor needs to be willing to meet with the candidate on a regular basis prior to Confirmation and to make a commitment to continue the faith journey after Confirmation. The sponsor is to attend, stand witness for his/her candidate, and present his/her candidate to the Bishop at the Confirmation Liturgy. Attendance is suggested at Session #1 (TBA). Attendance is required at the Confirmation Liturgy.

How Do I Share Faith?

Central to being a Confirmation sponsor is sharing with young people the worthy adventure of living a gospel-centered life. You may not feel equipped for this task, but don’t worry; neither did the first disciples of Jesus! As part of the Confirmation journey, we will provide you with the opportunity and tools needed to help you share your faith with your candidate. Please feel free to visit our website and review the final assignments that candidates will submit in December. [Confirmation Assignments - St. Joseph Fullerton | Roman Catholic Church \(stjoefullerton.org\)](http://www.stjoefullerton.org). Perhaps discussion surrounding these assignments would be useful to your candidate. Also, please feel free to engage in service opportunities or the “Pilgrimage Project” with your candidate. If local, you may choose to attend mass together.

SPONSOR'S PRAYER

God of all ages,
You send out Your Spirit to touch the
hearts of all people, so that they may
believe in You and in Jesus whom You
sent.

Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice.
Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work that You have
begun in them.

As I reach out to my candidate, make me an instrument of Your love.
Teach me to reverence what is holy in others, and to be patient with what I do not
understand.

Deepen my faith in the Gospel and help me to pass it on by my example.

With those who are hesitant or afraid, Let me be a source of encouragement;
and with those who are weak, let me be a pillar of strength.

I humbly accept the ministry of sponsor and pray that You will continue to guide
me and sustain me.

We praise you through Christ our Lord.

Amen.