

# SPONSOR FORM

**Please read this carefully before asking someone to be your sponsor.**

## Minimum requirement of a Confirmation Sponsor (Canon Law)

- A sponsor must be a least 16 year old Catholic.
- A sponsor has celebrated Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist
- A sponsor must lead a life in harmony with the faith and the role they are taking. Attends Mass regularly on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- A sponsor if married is canonically valid and recognized by the Catholic Church.
- **A sponsor may not be the parent of the one to be confirmed.**

## Characteristics of a Confirmation Sponsor

- Local residency to ensure consistent involvement throughout the Confirmation process.
- A positive and comfortable relationship with the candidate.
- A willingness and capacity to engage in the Confirmation process as a means of enhancing his or her own growth as a Catholic Christian adult. A sponsor is a mature Catholic Christian.

## Also consider

- Is this person a true friend and someone who you can trust and confide in?
- Is this person someone who is there when you need them?
- Is this person the kind of person you would like to be like?
- Is this person a good listener ready to give advice when asked? One whose experience as a practicing Catholic is a valuable source for helping you to make decisions about your own life as a Catholic?
- Is this person willing and able to attend the liturgical celebrations?

Remember it is a great honor for the person you are asking to be your sponsor. You may re-awaken the Holy Spirit in the person you ask by telling them why you chose them and that's awesome! If you have trouble finding a sponsor, let Fran or Ami know and we'll help you.

## PROXY INFORMATION

If your sponsor is not a local resident or is unable to attend the Confirmation Ceremony a "Proxy" is someone who may stand in for your chosen sponsor. Your sponsors proxy may be any fully initiated Catholic in good standing (they have received the sacraments and practice their faith). The proxy does not need to get a sponsor's certificate from their church. The use of a sponsor proxy is a last resort and is not a parent of the candidate. Please try to choose a sponsor who will be able to share the Confirmation journey with you and our community.

**Contact Ami Conlan to discuss this need 203.264.5065/ [ami@mscatholic.org](mailto:ami@mscatholic.org).**

**DUE:**  
**JANUARY 2024**  
**G.I.F.T. SESSION**

**My Sponsor is a Midd-South Parish member:**

**Fill out this information only, return it to the Faith Formation office or hand the form in at the January 2024 GIFT session and we will handle sponsor approval. Do not go to the Parish Office for a sponsor certificate please.**

- Candidate's (person being confirmed) Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Sponsor's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Sponsor's Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**-OR-**

**My Sponsor is a member from a church other than Midd-South Parish:**

**Have your sponsor call the parish they are currently attending mass and registered at and tell them they have been asked to be a Confirmation Sponsor and need a sponsor certificate. Their church will know exactly the form they need.**

**Have your sponsor get that certificate to you and attach it to this form and fill out the information below. Return this form to the Faith Formation Office or hand in at the January 2024 G.I.F.T. session.**

- Candidate's (person being confirmed) Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Sponsor's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Sponsor's Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_
- Sponsor's Parish: \_\_\_\_\_