

ROLE OF SPONSOR

The Code of Canon Law states “the person to be confirmed is to have a sponsor. The sponsor’s function is to take care that the person confirmed behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the duties inherent in this sacrament.” Canon #892

A sponsor is a role model, a guide and encourager. Therefore, they have to be living their Catholic faith. They have to be fully initiated (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) and if married, must be married in the Catholic Church. They must attend mass each Sunday as both the Ten Commandments and the precepts of the Church teach. A sponsor must be one who is in *full communion* with the Roman Catholic Church.

Parents are not allowed to sponsor their own children. At St. Elizabeth the sponsor must be significantly more mature than the person being confirmed. For that reason, high school students are not allowed to sponsor their peers.

Candidates may have only one sponsor present them to the Bishop at Confirmation.

Sponsors are asked to:

- Pray with and for the candidate.
- Share what Confirmation means to them with candidate.
- Be an active member of their local parish.
- Share conversation and encouragement.
- Attend the Rehearsal and Confirmation Liturgy.
- Sign the Confirmation Sponsor Covenant.

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR INFORMATION

*Please attach the Confirmation Sponsor Covenant to this sheet.

Student Name: _____

Sponsor Name: _____

Sponsor Address: _____

Sponsor Phone Number: _____

Sponsor Email: _____

Is the Confirmation Sponsor Covenant signed and attached to this form? _____

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR COVENANT

As a Confirmation sponsor, your role is to encourage the faith of your candidate and be an “example” to your Confirmation candidate and to reflect with the candidate on the meaning of a life of Catholic discipleship.

The Code of Canon Law (Church Law) specifies the requirements for serving as a sponsor at Confirmation (Canon 893) are the same as those for godparents at Baptism (Canon 874): You may not be the parent of the person being confirmed; you must be at least 16 years old; you must be fully initiated (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist); if married, be in valid Catholic marriage; and live a life of active faith in the Catholic Church.

I understand the requirements of being a Confirmation sponsor and I state that I was

Baptized:

at _____ Church in
_____ (City and State)

Confirmed:

at _____ Catholic Church in
_____ (City and State)

Married in the Catholic Church:

at _____ in
_____ (City and State)

My candidate’s name is: _____

Name of parish and city where Confirmation is to take place:

_____ ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY City PFLUGERVILLE _____

I am active in the Catholic Church, I regularly attend Mass on Sunday and I strive to live my faith. (Please Print)

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____