

SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY LETTER FOR CONFIRMATION

Being a sponsor is more than just an honor given to a good friend or relative. Sponsorship implies a real appreciation of the faith, a practice of the same, and sense of responsibility for handing on the faith to the person being confirmed.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Before reading the instructions below on how to obtain a *Sponsor Eligibility Letter*, please read the following requirements for Confirmation sponsorship.

A Confirmation Sponsor must:

- *be designated by the one to be confirmed, by the parents, or the one who takes their place or, in their absence, by the pastor.*
- *have completed their sixteenth year.*
- *be a fully initiated Catholic, having been baptized, confirmed and received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist.*
- *lead a life in harmony with the faith, and possess the qualifications and intentions to perform this role.*
 - *If married, the marriage is a valid marriage, as recognized by the Catholic Church.*
 - *As a practicing Catholic, regularly attends Mass and receives Holy Communion.*
- *not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared.*
- *not be the father or the mother of the one to be confirmed.*

If the Sponsor meets the above requirements and IS NOT a registered member of Good Shepherd Parish, he/she must:

1. request a Sponsor Eligibility Letter from the parish where they are registered;
2. give the *Sponsor Eligibility Letter* directly to the Confirmation candidate.

If the Sponsor meets the above requirements and IS a registered member of Good Shepherd Parish, he/she must:

1. complete the form on the back of this instruction sheet;
2. give the form directly to the Confirmation candidate.

If you have any questions, please contact:
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GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH
Sponsor Eligibility Form

This form is for Registered Members of Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

*If you are not a parishioner of Good Shepherd,
please request a Sponsor Letter from the parish where you are a registered member.*

Name of Candidate for Confirmation:

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| First | Middle | Last |
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Name of Sponsor:

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| First | Middle | Last |
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Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Have you received the following Sacraments of Initiation?

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| Baptism | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Eucharist | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Confirmation | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are you single? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are you married in the Catholic Church? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Thank you for taking the time to complete the information requested and for agreeing to accompany the Confirmation candidate on his/her journey of faith.