

Choosing Your Confirmation Sponsor

- ◇ A confirmation sponsor is a special person who, by their example, shows the child how to live their *Catholic faith every day*. They live a life that reflects the teachings of Jesus Christ.
- ◇ Your sponsor needs to be 16 years of age or older. A parent cannot be a sponsor.
- ◇ A sponsor must be a fully initiated and practicing Catholic: one who has celebrated the *sacraments of Baptism, the Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. One who attends Mass and receives Holy Communion on a regular basis.*
- ◇ You want someone your child is comfortable talking to. Keep in mind to choose a person who will not only listen as your child shares his or her faith journey but will also guide and speak to your child about our faith and beliefs.
- ◇ The sponsor should be a significant person in your child's life. You are looking for someone you and your child trust, whose faith you admire and who will be there for your child. The purpose of the relationship between your child and the sponsor is to lead your child into a deeper relationship with our Lord Jesus.
- ◇ Pray to God, with your child, for guidance from the Holy Spirit in helping you choose the right sponsor.

How It Works

1. Once you have selected a sponsor and that person has accepted the commitment, please have that person complete the “Confirmation Sponsor Form” herewith below. Baptism and Confirmation certificates are required from the sponsor's church. They are to be submitted to the church along with the Confirmation Sponsor Form.
2. Advise your sponsor that he or she is expected to attend *Holy Spirit Day* with your child. This event will take place on Saturday, April 12th at Saint Joseph's Oratory from 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm. More information will follow.
3. On Saturday, April 26th the Confirmation child and his or her sponsor are obligated to participate in the annual **Confirmation Retreat**, which will be held at our parish. More information will follow.
4. The Confirmation Sponsor Form must be completed and returned with the sponsor's Baptism & Confirmation certificates by March 31st to the church office or via email to montcarmel@gmail.com.

Office hours:

Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Monday – Thursday 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

For any questions or clarifications, please contact the Catechism Team via email at: montcarmel.catechism@gmail.com.
Please do not email the forms to this account.

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR FORM #1

I,

(Candidate's full name)

have requested

(Sponsor's full name)

(Sponsor's address and postal code)

to be my sponsor for Confirmation. I understand that my sponsor should be a Baptized and Confirmed Catholic and active in his/her faith; is a person 16 years of age and over; and is someone other than my parents whom I respect as a role model of Christian life. My sponsor belongs to the Roman Catholic Parish of:

(Full name of the Parish Church)

N. B. Please return this sheet together with a copy of your sponsor's Baptism and Confirmation certificates to the church office or via email to montcarmel@gmail.com by March 31st.

SPONSOR ACCEPTANCE FORM #2

I,

(Sponsor's full name)

accept to be a Sponsor for the Confirmation of

(Candidate's full name)

AND I RECOGNIZE that by accepting the role of sacramental sponsorship I become responsible to be a model and example of a committed and active Catholic and to be supportive to his/her parents in the practice of our mutual faith.

I try to meet my obligations as a Roman Catholic by participating in Sunday Mass, receiving the Eucharist as often as possible and Penance as necessary, by being open to the Word of God as revealed in the Scripture and taught by the Catholic Church, by witnessing to the values of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and by seeking to be of service to others for love of Him.

I promise to give my full support to the person I am sponsoring by the Christian example of my daily life as a Roman Catholic.

(Sponsor's signature)

(Date)