Holy Family Parish 811 West 6th Avenue Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2021 (907) 276-3455

## Holy Family Confirmation Sponsor Form

Dear Sponsor, you have been selected by a Catholic seeking confirmation to act as a support, advisor, and vital link to the Church's life, teaching, and practice. So you are aware of the duties of sponsor, and so Holy Family can ensure reliable supports for its candidates, please review and fill out this form, and return it to us in a timely manner (you may want to make an additional copy to save for your own reference). If you have any questions, please call the Director of Religious Education at Holy Family Parish.

Mailing Address: Holy Family

Attn: Director of Religious Education

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The Qualifications for Sponsorship according to Code of Canon Law, 892-893:

- Must be designated by the candidate
- Must be 16 years of age or older
- Must be a confirmed Catholic who has received 1st Holy Communion
- Must lead a life in conformity with the Church's faith and teaching
- Must be "in good standing" with the Church, that is, not under any canonical penalty
- It is desirable to choose as sponsor the one who undertook the same function in baptism
- Cannot be the parent or spouse of the candidate

## Responsibilities of the Sponsor:

In general, the sponsor acts as a resource for the candidate in living and growing in a life of faith. From the time the candidate enters his/her process, and continuing after the sacrament is received, the sponsor is to "take care that the confirmed person behaves a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations inherent in this sacrament" (Code of Canon Law, 892).

Attendance at the sacramental ceremony is generally expected. If the sponsor is unable to attend the ceremony for some reason, he/she should assist in ensuring a proxy is found. Other duties and suggestions include:

- Praying for the candidate
- Attending Mass with the candidate
- Sharing the faith and the riches of Catholic Tradition
- Introducing the candidate to parish life, e.g., available study groups and ministries
- Attending special parish events with the candidate
- Attending confirmation rehearsal, and/or other special preparation events
- Giving spiritual support and/or guidance to the candidate





## **Sponsor for Confirmation**

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| Full Name:  |                                |  |
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| City:   | State:                         | Zip Code:  |
| Phone:  | E-mail:                        |  |
| Date of Birth:  | Relationship to Ca             | andidate:  |
| I verify that I am a confir<br>with the Catholic Church | med Catholic at least 16 years | s of age and that I am in good standing ceive the Sacraments regularly and have a sponsor. |
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| This Section to be comp                                 | olete ONLY IF Sponsor is not   | a registered parishioner at Holy Family  |
|   | d to act as sponsor for the Sa | (Sponsor's Name) is a practicing crament of Confirmation.                                  |
| Rev   | Parish.                        | Nate:  |

