



## ST. JOSEPH PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)

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Dear Parents,

Greetings!

As your child continues preparation to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, two of the most important items that must be submitted to the Religious Education office are the ***Sponsor Information Form*** (a copy is in your child's 8<sup>th</sup> grade binder) and the ***Sponsor Certificate***. Please keep in mind that the Sponsor Certificate is obtained from the parish office of the church where the sponsor is registered.

The Church asks that you and your child please keep in mind that the following are the requirements of the Catholic Church for a person to be a sponsor.

### ***Basic Church requirements to be considered as a sponsor:***

To be qualified as a Confirmation sponsor an individual must:

- Be at least fourteen years old
- Have been initiated in the Catholic Church through the three sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist
- Must attend Mass regularly
- If married, their marriage ***must*** be recognized by the Catholic church (be married in the Catholic Church)
- Display a visible commitment to living out the Catholic faith and have the ability and intention to carry out his/her responsibility as a spiritual guide in your life (Be in good standing with the Church)

### ***Other considerations when selecting a Confirmation sponsor:***

- † A sponsor CANNOT be a parent of the one to be confirmed.
- † Each Confirmation candidate may only choose ONE sponsor, the only exception being both baptismal godparents returning to be sponsors for Confirmation.
- † Because the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation are so closely connected, Church teaching states that it is "desirable that the godparent at Baptism also be the sponsor at Confirmation", however the selection of a special sponsor is also permitted.
- † The choice of who should be your sponsor is YOUR decision!

***Please do not choose someone just because they meet all of the requirements to be a sponsor!!***

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM OFFICE**  
**SPONSOR INFORMATION FORM**

**This form must be completed by the person who will be the sponsor for the Confirmation Candidate.** Please complete the requested information below and return this form along with the **Sponsor Certificate** that you have received from your parish office to the St. Joseph PREP Office by **JANUARY 24, 2023.** ***Forms that do not have a Sponsor Certificate attached will not be accepted.***

This is to certify that I,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Sponsor Relationship to Candidate

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Telephone (of parish): \_\_\_\_\_

Accept the invitation to be a sponsor for \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Candidate

at the Confirmation at the parish of St. Joseph in Carteret, NJ. I further affirm that I am a Baptized, Confirmed and practicing Catholic in good standing in the Church.

I understand that I am acting as a witness to the public acceptance of the Catholic Religion by this candidate.

I agree to act as a guide and advisor to this candidate, most especially by my own example and witness.

I further agree to provide for this candidate's religious training should circumstances require it.

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Signature of Sponsor

Date