

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE CONFIRMATION / BAPTISM
SPONSOR TESTIMONY FORM DIVINE REDEEMER PARISH / SEWICKLEY, PA 15143**

A. INTRODUCTION:

Because of these three responsibilities, the Catholic Church has some minimum requirements it asks of all sponsors/godparents to fulfill in order to server in this role. Each sponsor/godparent is asked to complete the other side of this form using this side of the form as a geode to answering the questions. This is a FILLABLE form, meaning you can type your answers to the questions.

B. THE QUESTIONS:

1. **SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION:** A sponsor/godparent is baptized Catholic who has received Confirmation and Holy Eucharist in the Catholic Church.
2. **FREEDOM TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS:** The sponsor/godparent is a practicing Catholic who is free to receive Holy Communion when he or she comes to Mass an attends Sunday Mass regularly.
3. **MARITAL STATUS:**
 - **NEVER MARRIED:** You are not married.
 - **MARRIED:** A Catholic sponsor/godparent who is married must be in a marriage that is recognized by the Catholic Church. Those in their first marriage must have been married either a) in a Catholic Church ceremony or b) in a church/synagogue ceremony with the permission of the Catholic Church. Catholics in second marriages must have had their first marriage annulled and their second marriage recognized or co-validated by the Catholic Church. Catholics presently in civil or common law marriages are not eligible to serve as a sponsor/godparent.
 - **MARRIED OR REMARRIED OUTSIDE OF CATHOLIC CHURCH:** If married or remarried, a sponsor/godparent must be living a life of consistent with a single person as defined by the Catholic Church. Anyone cohabitating with another person, e.g., living in a romantic relationship or as a couple, is ineligible to serve.
4. **TIME/TALENT/TREASURE:** Must be willing to share your time, talent and treasures with the community of Divine Redeemer Parish.
5. **SPONSOR INFORMATION:** The sponsor/godparent is the most important person in the life of a child or adult who is to be baptized or confirmed.

The sponsor/godparent is:

- Spiritual role model,
 - An example of the Christian life and
 - The official representative of the Body of Christ, the Church, into which a child/adult is being confirmed.
 - **NOTE ABOUT PROXIES:** A sponsor/godparent is not required to be present for a confirmation. When a sponsor/godparent cannot be present, a Catholic parent of the candidate him/herself may ask someone to stand in as a proxy for the sponsor/godparent as long as the proxy is not none of the parents.
6. **REGISTERED PARISHIONER:** You must be a **current registered, active parishioner** of Divine Redeemer Parish for at least three (3) months prior to requesting sponsorship eligibility.

C. SIGNING AND RETURNING THE FORM:

Print and bring the completed but **UNSIGNED** sponsor form back to Divine Redeemer Parish and the Pastor or a member of the office staff will witness you signing the document. If the Pastor is here, he will sign the document and place the parish seal on it. If the Pastor is not here, when he has signed and sealed your document, someone from the office staff will call you to pick it up. If you are unable to print the form, you can fill out a form at the rectory during business hours.

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR FILLABLE SPONSOR FORM

**As a registered and practicing member of the parish
community of Divine Redeemer Parish,
I affirm, that: (Please check all boxes that apply)**

1. ☐ I have received the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.
2. ☐ I do participate regularly in Sunday Mass and am able to give witness to my faith in Jesus Christ by receiving Him in Holy Communion.
3. **MARITAL STATUS: Please check one box below. See reverse for description.**
 - ☐ I never married
 - ☐ I am married and I testify that my marriage is recognized by the Catholic Church.
 - ☐ Married (or remarried) OUTSIDE of the Catholic Church.
4. ☐ I actively strive to live out my commitment to the Lord and the church community by sharing my time, talents and financial resources with the Church as my means permit, and the needs of the community demand.
5. ☐ I realize being a sponsor is not just an honor given to a good friend or relative, Sponsorship implies a real appreciation of the faith, a practice of the same, and a sense of responsibility toward the person being baptized or confirmed.
6. ☐ I declare that I am a registered member of Divine Redeemer Parish and I fulfill the requirements to be a sponsor. I promise to give support to the person I am sponsoring by my prayers and by the Christian example of the daily life.

Sponsor Name: _____

Sponsor signature: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

SPONSOR FOR:

☐ CONFIRMATION ☐ Confirmation is at Divine Redeemer Parish

Name of person receiving sacrament: _____

☐ BAPTISM ☐ Baptism is at Divine Redeemer Parish

Name of person receiving sacrament: _____

Pastor signature: _____

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