

SPONSOR DECLARATION OF FAITH & PROMISE

I, _____,
(Print Name)

affirm in all sincerity that the requirements as set forth on the previous page are truly fulfilled. I recognize that I will be called to renew the promises of my own baptism, to reject sin and to profess my faith in Jesus Christ. I also recognize this requires I truly practice my faith by attending Sunday Mass, by prayer, generous concern for others, and striving to live an upright Catholic life under the mercy of God. With this in mind, I promise to be the best possible example in my words and actions to:

Name of Candidate (to be confirmed)

Signature of Sponsor

Date

Parish that you regularly attend
(Name and City)

SPONSOR INFORMATION

Full Name:

Home Address:

Phone:

Email:

OBTAINING SPONSOR SACRAMENTAL RECORDS

- If you, as a Catholic sponsor, were baptized within our pastorate (sites listed on front of brochure), please provide Geno Finn with the approximate month and year of your baptism.
- If you, as a Catholic sponsor, were NOT baptized within our pastorate, we need to receive a copy of your sacramental records (Baptism & Confirmation). These can be requested from your parish of baptism.
- Note: The parish of baptism is where all future sacramental records are kept. Even if you were Confirmed elsewhere, a notice should've been sent to your parish of Baptism.
- Please have that parish mail the record directly to Geno Finn at the address listed on the front.

GUIDELINES FOR SPONSORS OF CONFIRMATION



HOLY CROSS PARISH

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DEAR SPONSOR,

Congratulations! You have been asked to be a sponsor.

The role of a sponsor is more than merely ceremonial. It is a ministry and a responsibility. A sponsor stands on behalf of the Church, so this representation should manifest a real authenticity.

The Church has requirements that must be fulfilled in order to act as a sponsor or godparent. But the first question is not whether the Church will permit you to be a sponsor, but whether you can allow yourself to be one in honesty before God. Can you truly say that you are striving to live your faith and model Christ-like behavior?

Each potential sponsor must ask him/herself, *"Does my integrity allow me to stand at the altar and make a public profession that the faith I proclaim in word is a faith that I sincerely practice?"*

Nevertheless, the sponsor's role does not demand perfection; for *all* of us have need of God's mercy as we make our Christian pilgrimage through this life. However, it may happen that we are asked to be a sponsor even though we are not actively practicing the faith. People may feel compelled to ask you because of tradition, friendship, or family ties.

If you find yourself in this situation, we invite you to use this time to grow in your faith and to speak with a priest if necessary.

If you know that you do not meet the requirements and/or cannot commit to a renewed practice of the faith, however, please be honest by simply asking your relative or friend to excuse you from this role.

If we can be of any assistance in your decision making or in helping you to respond to the grace that this occasion provides please contact us. A request to be a sponsor opens the door to a sacred responsibility as you become a Christian role model for the candidate.

In closing, remember that the issue here is not whether you are a "good person with moral values", but whether you practice the Catholic faith in accordance with the basic requirements listed on the following page.

Thank you for giving this your careful consideration.

With my prayers,

Fr. Scott Jablonski

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"Pentecost" by Jean Restout II

REQUIREMENTS FOR BEING A SPONSOR IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

- At least 16 years of age and fully initiated in the Catholic Church, having received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation.
- A Sponsor may be either female or male.
- A Sponsor may not be the parent (or spouse) of the candidate to be confirmed.
- Attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- Receives the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) and Holy Communion with regularity.
- Sincerely trying to follow the moral teaching of the Catholic Church in your daily life.
- If married, married validly according to Catholic teaching.
- If single, living a celibate life and not cohabitating with another person.
- If your faith makes you ready to accept this responsibility, please complete this form and obtain a copy of your sacramental records from your [parish of baptism](#).