



## Statement of Meeting the Requirements of Canon Law For Being a Confirmation Sponsor

From the Catholic Church's Code of Canon Law:

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To perform the role of sponsor [at Confirmation] it is necessary that a person fulfill the conditions as mentioned in canon #874 [*which outlines the requirements to serve as a Godparent at a baptism*].

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To be admitted to the role of a sponsor, a person must...

- **Have completed their sixteenth year** [be at least 16 years old]
- **Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken;** [This means that the Catholic person is a fully initiated catholic (having celebrated Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist) and actively practices their Christian faith in their way of life and in their participation in the Catholic parish and the sacraments of the Church.]
- **Not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared.** [This means that if the intended sponsor is married, this marriage must be a recognized valid marriage in the Catholic Church. Catholic who are either civilly married, married by common law, or living together are not in a valid Church marriage, and this, by law, have a canonical penalty imposed upon them. The penalty is that the person may not participate in the full sacramental life of the Church. Specifically, they may not receive communion, nor may they act as a godparent at baptism or as a sponsor at Confirmation. Therefore, if you are married outside of the Catholic Church, you do not meet the requirements for being admitted to the role of Confirmation sponsor.]
- **Not be the father or the mother of the one to be baptized or confirmed.**

Unmarried Status: Additionally, if unmarried, a sponsor must be living a life 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.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and do understand the requirements for serving as a  
(print full name)  
sponsor at Confirmation in the Catholic Church. I do solemnly swear that I am a fully initiated Catholic; that I practice my faith in the way I live and through participation in my parish and the sacraments of the Church; and that, if married, my marriage is recognized by the Catholic Church as a valid sacramental marriage. Therefore, I am eligible to be admitted to the role of Confirmation sponsor.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Confirmation Candidate



**St. Cecilia Parish**  
**Confirmation Sponsor Declaration**

**Full name of your Confirmation Candidate:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Confirmation Sponsor Information:**

Your Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:**

(Street or P.O. Box) \_\_\_\_\_

Apt # (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information:**

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Texting?        Y        N                      Alternative Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Parish Information:**

Name of Home Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish City & State: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parish Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_ (Arch)diocese: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a practicing Catholic? (you agree with the Church's teachings and attend Mass at least every Sunday)

YES

NO

What is your relationship to the confirmation candidate? (aunt or uncle, baptismal sponsor, friend, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_

Where were you confirmed? (Name of Parish, City, State) \_\_\_\_\_

Chose the one that corresponds to you.

\_\_\_ I'm single (not married) and I do not live with my partner.

\_\_\_ I am not married and live with my boyfriend/girlfriend.

\_\_\_ I'm married only in the civil court.

\_\_\_ I am married in the Catholic Church.

*I am a practicing Catholic who has received his sacraments of baptism, first communion and confirmation, and I am a person with a deep spiritual life. I commit myself to educate my godchild in the Catholic faith and to set a good example. If you agree, sign below:*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_