



## The Parish of Saint Catherine of Siena Religious Education

### Sponsor Information for Confirmation Candidates Due: April 3, 2019

#### **Why a Sponsor?**

From the earliest days of the Church, those seeking communion with the Church were supported by specific people chosen from the community. At your Baptism, those significant people were your parents and godparents (your Baptismal Sponsors) who promised that you would be raised in the faith. They professed their faith because you could not speak for yourself. Your parent accepted the responsibility of training you in the practice of the faith. Your godparents promised to help your parents. In Confirmation, you will speak for yourself; you will renew your Baptismal promises. You will be supported by a Sponsor who will stand with you and present you to the Bishop for Confirmation.

#### **Role of a Sponsor**

The person you ask to be your Sponsor should know you well enough to be able to testify, by his or her presence before the community, that you are someone who wishes to be fully incorporated into the Church as a believing, practicing Catholic; that you are one who takes part faithfully in the Church's worship, witness, and mission. When you are anointed with the chrism during Confirmation, your Sponsor will be beside you with a hand placed on your shoulder. This is a sign of your spiritual relationship.

#### **Choosing a Sponsor**

The Church encourages you to choose, if possible, one of your Baptismal godparents to be your Sponsor for Confirmation because this expressed more clearly the link between your Baptism and Confirmation.

If you have not yet chosen your Sponsor, now is an excellent time to think about your choice. Ask yourself:

- Is this person a Baptized Catholic, who has received Eucharist, and been Confirmed in the Roman Catholic Church?
- Is this person a practicing Catholic who participates in the Eucharistic celebration every Sunday, and receives regularly the Sacraments of Penance and the Most Holy Eucharist?
- If this person is married, was he/she married sacramentally, according to the laws of the Catholic Church?

- Does this person live and follow the moral teachings of the Catholic Church?
- Is this person at least 16 years of age?
- Is this person someone with whom you feel comfortable?
- Is this person someone other than your parent?
- Does this person live near enough to you to be able to truly be a guide and a support?
- Will this person be willing and able to be your sponsor - to take an active role in your faith life?

### **Important Sponsor Information**

- Sponsor should go to his/her parish office to obtain sponsor certificates.
- If sponsor is from St. Catherine of Siena, we will obtain the necessary certificate for you.
- Boys may have female sponsors, and girls may have male sponsors, if they so choose.



## The Parish of Saint Catherine of Siena Religious Education Sponsor Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full Name) (Address) (Phone)

have been asked to be a Sponsor for \_\_\_\_\_  
who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Catherine of Siena Parish on June 2, 2019.

I am a Parishioner of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Parish) (City, State, Zip)

I am aware that the person for whom I have been asked to be a Sponsor has a right, before God, to have a Sponsor who is a currently practicing Catholic, since it is the role and responsibility of a Sponsor to support the person who is receiving this Sacrament by prayer and by their example of actively living the Catholic Faith.

I understand and I accept the Church's requirements for being a Sponsor, and affirm, before God, that:

- I am at least 16 years of age;
- I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, the Most Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation in the Roman Catholic Church;
- I practice the Catholic faith by attending Mass every Sunday, and I receive regularly the Sacraments of Penance and the Most Holy Eucharist;
- I sincerely try to live and follow the moral teachings of the Catholic Church;
- I am not a parent of the person who is to be Confirmed;
- If married, I was married sacramentally, according to the laws of the Catholic Church;
- I am willing and able to take an active role in this young person's life.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature) (Date)

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### TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PASTOR OR ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF SPONSOR'S PARISH

\_\_\_\_\_ has read and assures us that he/she in good faith meets the above requirements.  
We are able to attest that:

\_\_\_\_\_ He/ She is a registered and active member of our Parish.

\_\_\_\_\_ He/ She has just recently registered, and intends to be active in this Parish.

\_\_\_\_\_ He/ She assures us that the above requirements are met, yet this is not personally known to us and, as such, we are unable to attest that he/ she is a Catholic in good standing. However, he/ she promises to use this invitation to be a Sponsor as an opportunity to rekindle his/ her faith.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Pastor/ Associate Pastor) (Date)

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