Confirmation Sponsor Guidelines

TO BE A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR ONE MUST

- Be at least 16 years of age.
- Be a practicing Catholic registered at a parish.
- Received the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in the Catholic Church. Those Catholics who are not actively affiliated with a worshiping community, who are invalidly married, as for example, before a Justice of the Peace, or without proper dispensation, before a minister of a Protestant church or before a rabbi, who are divorced and invalidly remarried, and who have not received confirmation and the blessed Eucharist; do not qualify to be admitted as a sponsor.
- Participate in the Mass on Sundays and Holydays and receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation regularly.
- Regularly contribute to the financial needs of their registered parish.
- If married, validly married according to the laws of the Catholic Church.
- Support the person I am sponsoring by my prayers and by the Christian example of my daily life.

SPONSOR PAPERWORK

In order to be a Confirmation sponsor, one must turn in a certificate of eligibility to the Cathedral of Saint Patrick one month prior to the Confirmation date.

- **IS YOUR SPONSOR A MEMBER OF ST. PATRICK CATHEDRAL (CHARLOTTE)#ga_02**?
  They will need to complete the attached “Certificate of Eligibility Form” and turn it into the parish office. The parish office will verify their eligibility and get back with the sponsor if there are any issues.

- **IS YOUR SPONSOR A MEMBER AT ANOTHER CATHOLIC CHURCH#ga_03**?
  Should your sponsor not be a member of the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, they will need to provide the parish office with a letter from their parish stating they are a Catholic in good standing and that they are eligible to be a Sacramental sponsor. The letter may be mailed to the following:

  The Cathedral of Saint Patrick  
  Attn: Confirmation Program  
  1621 Dilworth Road East  
  Charlotte, NC 28203
CONFIRMATION SPONSOR REGISTRATION FORM

CANDIDATE/CATECHUMEEN INFORMATION
Candidate Full Name:_____________________________________________________
First   Middle   Last

SPONSOR INFORMATION
Sponsor Full Name: _______________________________________________________
First   Middle   Last
Address: ________________________________________________________________
Contact Phone: ________________________ Email: _____________________________
Relationship to Candidate/Catechumen ______________________________________
Sponsor’s Parish _________________________________________________________

SPONSOR’S AGREEMENT
I agree to serve as a sponsor for this candidate/catechumen. I understand my role as described on the Sponsor Information sheet, which I have received from the candidate/catechumen and read. I agree to attend the required sessions with my candidate/catechumen, unless not possible due to distance or work schedule – in which case a family member proxy will stand in my place. I agree to cultivate a relationship with my candidate/catechumen during this year of preparation and to serve as a spiritual support during this important time in his/her life, as well as in the years to come.

__________________________________________ ______________
Signature of Sponsor                        Date

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR REGISTRATION FORM
CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY
TO BE TURNED IN TO PARISH OFFICE BY

TBD

Saint Patrick Cathedral - 1621 Dilworth Road East, Charlotte, NC 28203
CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY
Confirmation Sponsor

SPONSOR FOR: _____________________________________________________________
(Name of person being confirmed)

I AM A MEMBER OF: ___________________________________________________________
(Parish where you are a registered parishioner) ____________ (City/State)

MY RELATIONSHIP TO CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE: ______________________________

SPONSOR INFORMATION
I ________________________________ affirm that:
(Please print first and last name)

 I am at least 16 years of age.
 I am a practicing Catholic registered at a Catholic parish.
 I have received the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in the Catholic Church.
 I participate in the Mass on Sundays and Holydays and receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation regularly.
 If married, I am validly married according to the laws of the Catholic Church.
 I actively strive to live out my commitment to Christ and to the community life of the Church by my loving response to those with whom I come in contact.
 I realize that I assume a great responsibility before God and the Church in becoming a sponsor and will faithfully fulfill the obligations connected with it. I will give support to the person I am sponsoring by my prayers and by the Christian example of my daily life.

By my signature, I attest to be a practicing Catholic who seeks to be admitted as a sponsor, solemnly affirm that I fulfill the requirements of the Catholic Church for this role as presented above. I intend, with the grace of God, to continue the practice of my Catholic Faith, and I will, to the best of my ability, carry out the obligations of my role as sponsor.

__________________________________________ ____________________________
(Sponsor’s Signature) (Date)

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SPONSOR’S PARISH

This is to certify that __________________________________________________________
_____ is a registered member of ______________________ Catholic Church
_____ is in good standing in this parish and that he/she meets the requirements for being a sponsor.
_____ is registered in our parish as an active, practicing Catholic.

Priest Signature ____________________________________________ Date: ________________
Church of __________________________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________________________
Phone # ____________________________________________________________