



SPONSOR CERTIFICATE

I, _____, a registered member of _____ Catholic Church, have been asked to be a sponsor for _____ who is to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

I affirm that I am a practicing Catholic and have received the three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) in the Catholic Church. I am at least 16 years of age and am not the mother or father of the person to be confirmed.

I further affirm that I participate regularly in weekly Mass and give witness to my faith in Christ Jesus by receiving Him in Holy Communion. I believe all that the Catholic Church professes and teaches and I truly make an effort to incorporate these teachings into my daily life.

I am aware that I am assuming responsibility to be a good role model for the person I am sponsoring by my life of prayer and by my Catholic example.

(If married): I am validly married according to the laws of the Catholic Church.

- I was married by a priest, deacon
- I was married by a minister with proper dispensation
- I had my marriage validated by the Catholic Church.

(If single): I am living a Christian life in accordance with the laws of God and the Catholic Church.

Signature of Sponsor

Date

PASTOR'S CERTIFICATION

The above-named person is a registered parishioner at _____ Parish and is, to the best of my knowledge, initiated in the sacraments of the Church, is in canonical good standing, is faithful in attendance at Sunday Mass and in the practice of the Catholic Faith, and is worthy to accept the responsibilities of the role of Sponsor.

Signature of Pastor

Date

Parish Name

Parish Seal

Please return completed form to:

*The Church of the Good Shepherd
Attn: Confirmation Director
3740 Holtzclaw Road
Cumming, Georgia 30041*

Choosing a Sponsor

As part of the preparation for Confirmation, we ask that the candidates (not the parents) select someone to be their sponsor. We ask that you spend some time thinking and praying about who would be the best sponsor for you. The relationship between the Confirmation candidate and their sponsor is one that can add a significant dimension to this preparation time.

The role of your sponsor is to “accompany” you in your journey toward greater faith, hope and love. What is most important, therefore, is the quality of the relationship that you have with this person and this person’s faith. Your sponsor should be someone whom you admire, someone who has qualities in his / her life that you would like to emulate. Your sponsor does not need to be related to you or live locally. Most importantly, your sponsor should be the kind of Catholic you hope to become.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A SPONSOR:

- Must be an active, practicing, confirmed Catholic;
- Must be 16 years old or older;
- Must be able to participate in your preparation;
- Cannot be a parent (but may be a sibling)

Your sponsor needs to be willing to spend time praying with you and for you. Most importantly, your sponsor should be someone with whom you are comfortable, someone who will accept you and your questions about your life and faith, and with whom you can share your experiences of God. A good sponsor for you is someone who cares about you and will be with you in your growth toward a more mature experience of Christianity.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF YOUR SPONSOR:

- To pray for and with you;
- To be a ‘role model’ of witness and example of a Christian lifestyle;
- To present you to the Archbishop at Confirmation
- To help you recognize your own gifts;
- To help you select your service projects and critically evaluating them