

SPONSORS/GOD PARENTS

Since early Christian times, Candidate for Confirmation have been accompanied by a sponsor when they ask to be admitted as catechumen. The sponsor can be a man or woman. It must be someone who knows the candidate and is willing to help them, and can witness to their morals, faith and intention. The Sponsor has a unique role in the process leading towards the reception of the sacrament. The sponsor is teacher, spiritual guide, and confidant for the candidate. The sponsor should therefore be someone whose life is a powerful witness to the Gospel for it is the sponsor's responsibility to show the catechumen in a friendly way the place the Gospel has in their own life and in society. They also are there to help them in times of doubts and anxieties, to give public testimony for them and to watch over the progress of their Confirmation preparation.

The sponsor should be prepared to attend several of the faith theme sessions with the candidate. This will enable the sponsor to be aware of what the student is learning. It will also help the sponsor to be aware of what the student is learning. It will also help the sponsor in acting as a guide and teacher for the candidate. Following the celebration of Confirmation the sponsor should continue to be a friend, witness and guide to the newly confirmed.

The Following guidelines should be used in choosing a sponsor.

Requirements for Sponsor/GOD PARENTS:

1. They must be practicing Catholic, in accord with the Bishops and the Magisterium, who has received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) (Canon law 893) are the same for Godparents at Baptism (Canon Law 874).
2. They should be someone whose life is an example of living the Good News of the Gospel.
3. They may be the baptismal godparents or relative but the candidates parents may not be sponsor (Code of Canon Law no. 874.5). If you have chosen one of your parents, please choose again.
4. They may be either male or female.
5. They should be living within a reasonable driving distance of the candidate.
6. They should be in constant touch, in person or phone with the candidate

Involvement:

1. They should be an active member of their local parish.
2. They should accept the invitation to help the candidate prepare for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation by being a friend, witness and guide.
3. They should participate in special workshops and liturgies for the sponsors/God Parents. Must attend the retreat and rehearsal..
4. They should encourage and assist the candidate in the various aspects of the catechesis including the service projects through a close relationship, questioning and counseling.
5. The Sponsor/God Parent should continue to be a friend, witness, and guide to the person/candidate throughout the rest of their lives.
6. Sponsor/God Parent must provide a copy of the following, if applicable:
 - ◆ Confirmation Certificate
 - ◆ Marriage Certificate, if married in Catholic Church.

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Upland, CA

Religious Education—RCIC Sponsor/God Parent Form

This form must be turned in at the time of Registration

Candidate or Elect

Full Name of the Candidate or Elect: _____

Candidate's reasons for choosing this person to be his/her Sponsor or God Parent:

TO BE COMPLETED BY ONE SPONSOR or GOD PARENT ONLY :

Sponsor/God Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

City & State: _____ Phone No.: _____

YOUR Confirmation date and location (parish, city, state): _____

Date _____	Church Name _____		City and State _____
Are you a registered member of St. Josephs?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If Yes, Envelope # _____

If not, what Parish are you registered at? _____

City: _____ State: _____ Diocese: _____

Are you currently in good standing with the Catholic Church? Yes No

Are You over 18? Yes No

Are You Single? Yes No

Are You Married? Yes No

If Married, are you married in the Catholic Church? Yes No

Have you ever been a Sponsor or God Parent before? Yes No

If so, are you still in touch with this person? Yes No

What do you believe are your qualifications to be a Sponsor or God Parent? _____

Do you feel Comfortable sharing your faith experience and development with this Candidate? Please answer with more than a "yes" or "no".

Must be completed by Sponsor/God Parent

Must be Completed by Parish

THIS SECTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SPONSOR'S or GOD PARENT'S PARISH

The above Sponsor/God Parent is in good standing with the Catholic Church and meets all the qualifications required to be a Baptism God-Parent or a Confirmation Sponsor.

 Pastor's Signature

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