



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
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What is a Sponsor: A sponsor is a person of faith who accompanies a candidate for Confirmation in his/her preparation to renew his/her baptismal promises to follow Christ inside the Catholic Church. A sponsor is much more than a loved relative or a trusted friend. A sponsor is somebody who walks along in faith, leads the way while sharing his/her faith with the Confirmation candidate.

What are the duties of a sponsor: The Canon Law (law of the Church) says: "It is for the sponsor to see that the confirmed person acts as a true witness and faithfully fulfills the obligations connected with this sacrament." Canon #892

What are the Requirements to be a sponsor?: Based upon what has been said above, the Canon Law carefully established the requirements necessary to be a sponsor- "To be admitted to the role of sponsor, a person must 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." Canon #874

So, a Sponsor Must Be:

- A Catholic
- Who has been Confirmed (Sacrament of Confirmation)
- Who has received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist (First Holy Communion)
- Leads a life according to the teachings of the Church, the Faith of the Church
- If married, is married in the Catholic Church, and not living with someone other than that individual in a husband-wife relationship
- If single, not cohabiting (living with) with anyone in a husband-and-wife relationship

Consequently, those who are excluded (do not qualify to be sponsors):

- Who are not Catholic even though they belong to another church
- Who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation
- Who have not received the Sacrament of The Most Holy Eucharist
- Who do not attend mass and receive the Sacraments
- Who, if married, is not married in the Catholic Church as it is their obligation
- Who, if single, are living with (cohabiting) someone in a husband-and-wife relationship

If no one among your acquaintances fulfills the requirements, the parish will provide you with a sponsor, with who you may get well acquainted during the preparation year.

Qualifying Sponsors from another parish will need to bring an affidavit from their own parish stating that they are Catholics in good standing in the Church



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Dear Sponsors:

This Form is to be completed, signed, and returned *at least one week prior* to the Baptismal date. If you do not know the exact dates, please list the approximate year for which you received such sacrament.

CHURCH LAW STATES: Sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and/or Confirmation must be Catholics who have been Confirmed and have already received the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist, and who leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken. (CC. 874 & 893)

IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD,

I HEREBY AFFIRM my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and my fidelity to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

I HEREBY AFFIRM that I practice my Catholic Faith by regularly joining in the celebration of Sunday Holy Mass and receiving of Holy Communion.

I HEREBY AFFIRM that I am a registered member of _____ parish and fulfill my obligation to my parish to the best of my ability. **Name and Place of the Church You Attend Regularly**

If married, **I HEREBY AFFIRM** that my marriage took place in the Catholic Church.

Name and place of Church and date of marriage: _____

(Attach copy of sacrament of marriage)

If single, **I HEREBY AFFIRM** that I am not living with anyone in a husband-and-wife relationship.

If I have children, **I HEREBY AFFIRM** that my children are being educated in the Catholic Church.

I HEREBY AFFIRM that I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Conformation:

Place and Date of Baptism

Place and Date of First Holy Communion

Place and Date of Confirmation

***PLEASE ATTACH COPIES OF CONFIRMATION AND MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES**

I DO, THEREFORE, SOLEMNLY AFFIRM that I meet all the necessary requirements to act as a sponsor and intend, to the best of my ability, to share my Faith with the candidate, _____, and help him/her grow in faith and fidelity to the Lord inside the Catholic Church. **Candidate's Name**

Sponsor's signature: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____
 City State Zip