

Your Confirmation Sponsor

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

SPONSOR'S NAME: _____

Information about your Sponsor:

- His/Her Relationship to you (ie, your Uncle, Aunt, GodParent, etc)
- Is the person at least 16 years old?
- Is the person a confirmed Catholic who has also received 1st Communion?
- Is the person a registered member of Holy Family parish and an active parishioner in good standing?
- If the person is not a registered member of Holy Family, to which parish does he/she belong (list parish name and town below)? Note that he/she will need a letter of good standing from their home parish, which Father Debo will request from your Sponsor's home parish.

In the Code of Canon Law (Catholic Church Law) the requirements for being a Confirmation Sponsor is laid out in Canons 874, 892 and 893.

Can 874 tells us what criteria a sponsor must fulfill to be considered for the role:

- a) Have completed the 16th year of age.
- b) Be a confirmed Catholic who has also received 1st communion.
- c) Not be the father or mother of child to be confirmed.
- d) Leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on.
 - a. If registered here at Holy Family they would need to be active parishioners in good standing.
 - b. If not registered here at Holy Family they would need a letter of good standing from their home parish.
- e) A non-Catholic Christian is unable to serve as a Godfather or a Godmother but may (if there is also Catholic sponsor) serve as a witness of the baptism.

Can. 892 reads: *Insofar as possible, there is to be a sponsor for the person to be confirmed; the sponsor is to take care that the confirmed person behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations inherent in this sacrament.*

Can. 893 §1. *To perform the function of sponsor, a person must fulfill the conditions mentioned in ⇒ can. 874 which we have gone over above.*

§2. *It is desirable to choose as sponsor the one who undertook the same function in baptism.*

Note that the Church then sees the best case scenario for a Confirmation Sponsor to be either the Godfather or Godmother of the youth to be confirmed. If that is not possible then anyone who meets the criteria mentioned in 874 would be able to take on the role of Confirmation Sponsor.