

**SPONSOR'S CERTIFICATION
FOR BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION**

Canon Law of the Church, as well as liturgical law govern the celebration of our public worship as Catholics: our sacramental life. These laws require that to be a sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism or of Confirmation, a person must:

- Be mature enough to undertake this responsibility
- Have received all three of the sacraments of initiation themselves (that is, Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist)
- Be practicing members of the Catholic Church whose lives are in harmony with the Faith and with the sacramental role to be undertaken, and who are not impeded or disqualified from being a sponsor.

Impeded or disqualified from serving as sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation are:

- Those who are married outside the Church
- Those living together outside of marriage, or those who give public scandal
- Persons who habitually miss Sunday and Holy Day Mass
- Those who fail to fulfill their 'Easter Duty' (that is, to receive Holy Communion during the Easter season, or who fail to receive the Sacrament of Penance as necessary to fulfill the Easter Duty)
- Parents who neglect the religious instruction of their children

SPONSOR'S OWN CERTIFICATION AND INTENTION:

I am a practicing Catholic according to the norms of the Church. I would like to assist another person in their life's journey to Christ in the Church through the sacraments. I am prepared to encourage them in their witness to Christ's love in the Church, and in fulfilling the obligations of this sacrament. I intend to set a good example. I am aware of nothing that would prevent me from fulfilling this responsibility.

I am a registered and practicing member of:

_____ Parish

in the City of _____.

I request recommendation to be the sponsor at

the: Baptism Confirmation

of _____

Sponsor _____

FROM THE SPONSOR'S PRESENT PARISH:

_____ is a member of our parish and is qualified to serve as a sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism or Confirmation.

Pastor or Delegate

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.*