

*Church of Our Lady of the Rosary
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CONFIRMATION SPONSOR CERTIFICATE

(Part I: to be filled out by candidate)

CANDIDATE NAME: _____

(Part II: to be filled out by Sponsor)

SPONSOR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____
(STREET) (CITY, STATE, ZIP)

I agree to accept responsibility of being a Confirmation Sponsor. I fulfill all the requirements:

1. _____ I am a confirmed Catholic.
2. _____ I am a registered member of _____ Parish and attend Mass regularly.
3. _____ I am married validly in the Church (if married)
4. _____ I am able to fulfill the duties of a Confirmation Sponsor
5. _____ I am willing to give good example to this candidate by the commitment I show to my Faith.

SPONSOR SIGNATURE: _____

(Part III: to be filled out by parish Priest)

This is to certify that the above named person is

1. _____ A confirmed Catholic
2. _____ A registered member of _____ Parish attending Mass regularly
3. _____ Married validly in the Church (if married)
4. _____ Able to fulfill the duties of a Confirmation Sponsor

PRIEST'S SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

PARISH: _____
(SEAL)

TO BE RETURNED:

10/31/2010 or 12/12/20 (if new to program)

THE ROLE OF SPONSOR

In the past to be a sponsor (for example, godparents at baptism) was often an honorary, somewhat ritualistic role, empty of serious commitment on the part of one who assumed it. In recent years, however, the role of *sponsor* has come to be seen in a different light. There are several functions filled by a sponsor for confirmation.

1. To *witness* by his or her own life how one lives as a Catholic Christian in today's world.
2. To *know the candidate as a friend*, to know the young person over the years that he or she has been maturing. Ideally, since confirmation is in some way the completion of baptism, the sponsor for confirmation should if at all possible be the same person who was godparent at the candidate's baptism.
3. To be a *guide or confidant* (a role of all intimate friends) in the candidate's time of crisis or doubt. In a real sense, the sponsor brings Christ to the Candidate as counselor and especially, as "listener".
4. To be *familiar* in a general way with the preparation program the candidate is undertaking and to encourage the candidate by being present at several special liturgies, especially the Celebration of Election. The sponsor is at the side of the candidate to vouch for the young person's sincerity and fitness to celebrate the sacrament itself.
5. To *continue to be interested* in the candidate as witness and guide after confirmation.