

## Confirmation Sponsor Information

Holy Spirit Parish, Great Falls, MT Confirmation 2016-17

**Sponsor Overview:** Your chosen sponsor is someone who will guide and support you as you work towards your confirmation celebration. They will also support you after your confirmation as you continue to grow in your faith.

**Qualities of a good sponsor:** A good sponsor is someone you are close to, someone who can share their own Catholic faith with you and make the confirmation process a bit easier for you.

- Someone you trust
- Someone who's faith you admire
- Someone who is accessible to you. However, they are not required to live locally!

*(The activities you are required to complete with your sponsor can be done over video call, email, or the phone. Also, a parent may stand in for any event where the sponsor is asked to attend.)*

**Choosing your sponsor:** Your baptismal godparent is a good selection if you have already established a trusting relationship with them and feel comfortable talking to them about matters of faith. For many reasons, your baptismal sponsor may not be the best choice for you. When choosing your sponsor, keep in mind the qualities suggested above and the basic requirements listed below.

- Sponsor must be a confirmed Catholic
- At least 16 years old
- A practicing member of the Roman Catholic Church
- Be someone other than your parents

**Expectations for you and your sponsor:** It is expected that you and your sponsor will have regular communication throughout the entire preparation process. Sponsors do not need to live in the same state as the candidate. At a minimum, your sponsor must be available for the following:

- If the sponsor is available, they are invited to attend the Orientation with the candidate's parent(s). The orientation will be held early fall.
- Complete activities with the candidate. It is strongly suggested that the candidate and the sponsor be able to meet in person to complete these assignments. However, it is acceptable to complete the assignments otherwise.
- If able, attend the retreat..
- Attend the Completion of Initiation Mass with reception (during the Easter Season). The date for Completion of Initiation Mass is set by the diocese and will be communicated as soon as it is known (usually late December or early January).

If your sponsor is not able to attend the Completion of Initiation Mass, you will need to have a proxy stand in for them.

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### Confirmation Sponsor Affirmation:

\_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation Candidates Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor Name Printed

\_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor Email Address

- I truly state that I believe and accept the teachings of the Catholic Church to the best of my ability.
- I am a Catholic who has been confirmed, receives the Eucharist, and lives a life of faith.
- I understand and accept the responsibility, which I undertake as a Confirmation sponsor and I promise to pay special attention to the above named candidate to help him/her attain a deeper relationship with Jesus, happiness in Christ by my Catholic Faith, practice, prayers, support, and example.
- All this I promise to fulfill with the help of God's mercy and grace.

\_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

### Pastor of Sponsor's Parish:

I certify that the above sponsor meets the following requirements:

- Sponsor is a confirmed Catholic
- Sponsor is at least 16 years old
- Sponsor is a practicing member and in good standing with the Church
- Sponsor is not a parent of the candidate

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Pastor

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

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Sponsor parish (name, city, state)

\*Signature of the sponsor's pastor is only required if the sponsor is not a registered member of Holy Spirit Parish, **Please return to Holy Spirit Parish 201 44<sup>th</sup> St. S. Great Falls MT. 59405 (406) 452-6491**