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**Congratulations on your being asked to be a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation!
In accepting this offer, you are also accepting the responsibility of being a model of
Catholic living for the Confirmation Candidate, who will look to you for guidance and
support. In order to accept this responsibility, there are certain requirements of Church
Law, which you must fulfill.**

I, _____, have been asked to be a Sponsor for
(Name of sponsor)

_____, in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

I am a parishioner at _____ Parish.

I affirm before God that:

- I am at least 14 years of age and have received the Sacraments of Baptism,
Holy Communion and Confirmation in the Catholic Church
- I attend Mass every Sunday and Holyday of Obligation, or promise to do so
from hereon in
- If married, my marriage is recognized as valid by the Catholic Church
- I do not deliberately practice any behavior which is contrary to the
teachings of the Catholic Church
- I will strive to be a good Catholic role model for the Confirmation Candidate

___ In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, I do hereby declare that I fulfill all of
the requirements listed above. I am a practicing Catholic who regularly
participates in the sacramental life of the Church, and I will do my best to be
an example of Christian living to the Confirmation Candidate.

___ I do understand all of the Church's expectations of a sponsor. However, I am
not presently participating in the sacraments of Reconciliation or Eucharist on
a regular basis. I will try to be more faithful in my practice of the faith so as
to be an example of Christian living to the Confirmation Candidate.

Signature of Sponsor
(Please sign in front of Parish Clergy)

Date

Signature of Parish Clergy

CHURCH SEAL

From: THE CODE OF CANON LAW,
(Effective First Sunday of Advent 1983)

Excerpt from Page 161 & 164, book IV, sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation
SPONSORS

Can. 872

If so far as possible, a person being baptized is to be given a sponsor who is to assist an adult in Christian initiation, or, together with the parents, to present an infant at the baptism, and who will help the baptized person to lead a Christian life and to fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it.

Can. 874

A. To be admitted to the role of sponsor, a person must:

1. be designated by one to be baptized, by the parents of the one who takes their place or, in their absence, by the pastor or minister and is to have the qualifications and intention of performing this role;
2. have completed the sixteenth year, unless a different age has been established by the diocesan bishop or it seems to the pastor or minister that an exception is to be made for a just cause.
3. 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;
4. not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
5. not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized;

B. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may not be admitted, except as a Christian witness to baptism and together with a Catholic sponsor.

Can. 892

As far as possible a sponsor for one to be confirmed should be present; it is for the Sponsor to see that the confirmed person acts as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations connected with this sacrament.

Can. 893

1. To perform the role of sponsor, it is necessary that a person fulfill the Conditions mentioned in Can 874.
2. It is desirable that the one who undertook the role of sponsor at Baptism be sponsor for Confirmation.