



# The Cathedral of **ST. PATRICK**

## CONFIRMATION SPONSOR GUIDELINES

### TO BE A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR ONE MUST

- Be at least 16 years of age.
- Be a practicing Catholic registered at a parish.
- Received the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in the Catholic Church. Those Catholics who are not actively affiliated with a worshipping community, who are invalidly married (as for example, before a Justice of the Peace, or without proper dispensation, before a minister of a Protestant church or before a rabbi), who are divorced and invalidly remarried, and who have not received Confirmation and the First Holy Communion; do not qualify to be admitted as a sponsor.
- Participate in the Mass on Sundays and Holydays and receive the Sacraments of Communion and Penance regularly.
- If married, validly married according to the laws of the Catholic Church.
- Support the person I am sponsoring by my prayers and by the Christian example of my daily life.

### SPONSOR PAPERWORK

In order to be a Confirmation sponsor, one must turn in a certificate of eligibility to the Cathedral of Saint Patrick one month prior to the Confirmation date.

- **IS YOUR SPONSOR A MEMBER OF ST. PATRICK CATHEDRAL (CHARLOTTE)?**  
They will need to complete the attached “Certificate of Eligibility Form” and turn it in to the parish office. The parish office will verify their eligibility and get back with the sponsor if there are any issues.
- **IS YOUR SPONSOR A MEMBER AT ANOTHER CATHOLIC CHURCH?**  
Should your sponsor not be a member of the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, they will need to provide the parish office with a letter from their parish stating they are a Catholic in good standing and that they are eligible to be a Sacramental sponsor, and return the attached certificate of eligibility form. The letter and form may be mailed to the following:

The Cathedral of Saint Patrick  
Attn: Faith Formation  
1621 Dilworth Road East  
Charlotte, NC 28203

**This form is to be completed and returned to the parish office prior to the spring Confirmation retreat. If you have any questions please contact James Sarkis at: [jsarkis@stpatricks.org](mailto:jsarkis@stpatricks.org)**

# CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

## CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

**SPONSOR FOR:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of person being confirmed)

**I AM A MEMBER OF:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parish where you are a registered parishioner) (City and State)

**MY RELATIONSHIP TO PERSON BEING CONFIRMED:** \_\_\_\_\_

### SPONSOR INFORMATION:

Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

First Name	Middle	Last Name
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### SPONSOR INFORMATION

I \_\_\_\_\_ affirm that:  
(Please print first and last name)

- I am at least 16 years of age.
- I am a practicing Catholic registered at a Catholic parish.
- I have received the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in the Catholic Church.
- I attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays and receive the Sacraments of Communion and Reconciliation.
- If married, I am validly married according to the laws of the Catholic Church.
- I actively strive to live out my commitment to Christ and to the community life of the Church.
- I realize that I assume a great responsibility before God and the Church in becoming a sponsor and will faithfully fulfill the obligations connected with it. I will give support to the person I am sponsoring by my prayers and by the Christian example of my daily life.

By my signature, I attest to be a practicing Catholic who seeks to be admitted as a sponsor, solemnly affirm that I fulfill the requirements of the Catholic Church for this role as presented above. I intend, with the grace of God, to continue the practice of my Catholic Faith, and I will, to the best of my ability, carry out the obligations of my role as sponsor.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sponsor's Signature) (Date)

### **THIS SECTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SPONSOR'S PARISH:**

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ is a registered member of \_\_\_\_\_ Catholic Church  
\_\_\_\_\_ is in good standing in this parish and that he/she meets the requirements for being a sponsor.  
\_\_\_\_\_ is registered in our parish as an active, practicing Catholic.

Priest Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Church of \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_