



Dear Sponsor,

Congratulations on having the honor of being chosen to be a Confirmation Sponsor. In today's world, we are faced with so many distractions that try to pull our focus from the most important things, namely Jesus. It is now your responsibility to be there for the Candidate in helping them keep their focus! This is a wonderful adventure in the spiritual life that awaits the two of you.

Your role is to spiritually walk with the candidate during the preparation for the sacrament. You will be assisting the young person in being a true witness and disciple of Jesus and representing the community when you present your candidate to the Bishop. Your special role does not end at the Confirmation liturgy; you will help the young person fulfill his or her baptismal promises after Confirmation with the help of the Holy Spirit!

Needless to say, it is so important that we show our support of the Candidates as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We ask that you adjust your schedules, so that when these special times arrive, you are here with us supporting your Candidate.

Know that if there is anything that we can help you with in your own faith journey we are always here.

The following are dates the Sponsor is asked to attend:

Sponsor Night: Wednesday, September 18, 5:30 -7:30 PM Mass at St. Mary's Parish

Closing Ceremony of the Retreat:
Sunday, January 15, 2012 at 5PM Mass at St. Mary's Parish

Candidate & Sponsor Day of Reflection:
Saturday, March 10, 2012 more information to follow

Confirmation Rehearsal: TBA
Confirmation: TBA

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at any time! Please know of our continued support and prayers as you begin this faith journey!

Yours in Christ,

Peter J Carvalho
Youth Minister

Beni Costa-Reedy
Assistant Director, Parish Faith Formation



Sponsor Form

“As far as possible the person to be confirmed is to have a sponsor. The sponsor’s function is to take care that the person confirmed behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the duties inherent in this sacrament.” (Canon 892)

A sponsor is a person chosen by the candidate as a mentor in the process of full initiation into the Catholic Church. The sponsor’s role is to walk the journey as a companion to the youth being fully initiated.

Requirements for a Sponsor:

- 1. Be chosen by the candidate
- 2. Be 16 years of age or older
- 3. Lives a life of harmony with the faith
- 4. Be a fully initiated practicing Catholic by attending Mass, etc.
- 5. Not be the mother or father of the Candidate

Role of a Sponsor:

- 1. Model how a person of faith lives in today’s world
- 2. To guide and be a good listener
- 3. A friend who knows the candidate and can witness to the maturing of their faith
- 4. A mentor who will continue after Confirmation to walk the faith journey with the candidate

Expectations of a Sponsor:

- 1. Attend two sponsor meetings
- 2. Attend specific gatherings (retreat, day of reflection, rehearsals and Mass)
- 3. Participate in all formal liturgical rites and rehearsals in the Confirmation process
- 4. Meet/talk regularly with the candidate, to encourage and assist them in their growth of knowledge, prayer, service, worship and participation in parish community.

Confirmation Candidate’s Name

Sponsor Information

Name

Phone Number

Address

Email

City

State

Zip Code

I have read and agreed to the requirements, role and expectations of the sponsor.

Sponsor’s Signature

Date



St. Mary's Dartmouth, MA



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Sponsor Certificate Form

Confirmation Candidate's Name

This is to certify that _____

Sponsors Name

is a member of this Parish, is a practicing Catholic and is qualified to act as a Sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Church of: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

Pastor's Signature: _____

Date: _____

**This form MUST be signed by the Sponsor's Pastor
or your parish may supply their own certificate.**

This form will NOT be accepted without the PARISH SEAL.