

SPONSOR RESEARCH AND DECLARATION FOR

Name of Confirmation Candidate

Stage #1: Sponsor Research

You may list anyone you have in mind for this position. This is the beginning of the process of elimination.

Possible Sponsors to select:

Gifts:

1. Wisdom
2. Knowledge
3. Understanding
4. Counsel
5. Piety
6. Fear of the Lord
7. Fortitude

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Review the gifts presented in the power point (see list on side of paper) and ask yourself if any of the above people mentioned would qualify as a possible Confirmation Sponsor for you.

Stage #2: Sponsor Qualifications

Now that you have some names of possible Sponsors, it is time look at the following information to determine whether or not they are appropriate for the Sponsor role.

Sponsor Qualification:

- must be a practicing confirmed Catholic
- at least sixteen years of age
- responsible and trustworthy
- prayerful, loving, and is comfortable sharing with the young person.
- positive attitude
- will support the parents in spiritually raising the young person in the Catholic Church for the rest of the young person's life.
- is able to attend at least 75% of the Sunday prep classes.

**Please note that according to Canon Law 874, a Sponsor can not be the Candidate's mother or father. Also note: Candidates may select only one sponsor, unless the Baptismal Godparents are chosen.*

Fill in the information below as it applies to each possible sponsor:

THIS PERSON IS:	A CONFIRMED & PRACTICING CATHOLIC		ATTENDS MASS REGULARLY		AT LEAST 16 YEARS OLD		A GOOD SPIRITUAL EXAMPLE		ABLE TO ATTEND PREP. CLASSES	
	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
Name										

Do the possible Sponsors fulfill all of the qualifications so far? Y N (circle one)
 If not, cross those names off from the list.

If none of your possible sponsors qualify, try to think of people you know or see at church, in mass or at CFF. Then, start the process over with the new names.

Stage #3: Personal Reflection

This stage is necessary in making your final choice for a sponsor. Take time and answer the following questions as they apply to each of the remaining possibilities. Use a separate sheet of paper for section.

1. What do you know about this person and their commitment to the Catholic faith?
2. How will this person be a positive influence prayerfully and spiritually during your preparation process?
3. Will this person be able to commit to the Confirmation Sponsor Role?
4. What Gifts of the Spirit do you share with this person?
5. What do you most admire about this person's faith?

Stage #4: Final Decision and Parent acknowledgment (Please see next page for additional information)

Sponsor Name _____

Why are you choosing this person to ask as your sponsor?

By signing below, I am acknowledging that together with my child, we have completed the necessary research required for selecting an appropriate Confirmation Sponsor. I agree and support my child's decision. I will assist my son/daughter in asking the person documented above to serve as a Confirmation Sponsor. In doing so, I will give the necessary details to help that person make an informed decision. (see pg. 4)

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

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Parent/s: Now that you and your child have arrived at a qualified sponsor, please go forward with asking that person. When you do, share the reason why he/she was chosen and give the following details to assist him/her in making an informed decision.

Duties of a Sponsor:

1. The following is asked of the Sponsor:
2. Attend CFF Classes (See calendar for dates).
3. Complete a Eucharistic Adoration Reflection hour with the Candidate using the provided handout.
4. Complete an act of service that shows "Faith in Action" with the Candidate. Faith in Action instructions will be provided.
5. Assist the Candidate in choosing a Confirmation Patron Saint. Instructions will be provided.
6. Write a letter of Recommendation to Fr. Mark Bauer but submitted to the Middle School Coordinator about the Candidate. Instructions provided in Sponsor packet.
7. Attend the Confirmation Retreat with the Candidate.
8. Present Candidate during the Confirmation Mass at The Cathedral of St. Andrew.
9. Continue to be available for the Candidate to lend spiritual support after the Sacrament of Confirmation ceremony is over.

Note: If he/she is unable or unwilling to fulfill the duties, trust that the Spirit will lead you to the right person and return to the research process to discover another choice.

If he/she agrees to the duties, please complete the information requested below and **turn this form in to the Faith Formation office by October 31, 2011**

Student Name _____

Sponsor Name _____

Email _____

Address _____

city state zip

Phone _____

If a Sponsor cannot attend one or more of the required classes due to traveling distance or a date conflict, a proxy may be used. A proxy is a person who acts as a substitute in the sponsor's absence. A parent may act as a proxy. The proxy would be responsible to relay the missed information to the sponsor. This is only appropriate when all other options have been exhausted.