

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Confirmation Sponsor Certificate

Please review the following requirements to be a Sponsor as established by *The Code of Canon Law*, the Church law that applies to all Catholics:

Canon 892 – Insofar 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 893 – A person who would undertake the office of sponsor must fulfill the conditions in Canon 874 which reads:

Canon 874 – To be admitted to the role of sponsor, a person must:

- Be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the person who takes their place or in their absence by the parish priest; to be appointed the person must be suitable for this role and have the intention of fulfilling it;
- Be not less than sixteen years of age, unless a different age has been stipulated by the diocesan Bishop, or unless the parish priest or the minister considers that there is a just reason for an exception to be made;
- 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 (Note: In order to be “in harmony with the faith”, a married person must be married according to the laws of the Catholic Church).
- Not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.

Sponsor’s Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Sponsor’s Address: _____

Sponsor’s Parish: _____

I testify that I fulfill the canonical requirements listed above to serve as a sponsor at the Confirmation of *(name of candidate to be confirmed)*_____. I further testify that I reaffirm my faith in Jesus Christ and that I intend to live that faith within the Roman Catholic Church.

Sponsor Signature **Date:** _____

_____ has testified in my presence that he/she fulfills the canonical requirements to serve as a sponsor. I have discussed with him/her the significance of publicly assuming this role which should not be accepted lightly. He/she understands the importance of living a Christian life and the need to fulfill the obligations inherent in it.

Signature of Parish Priest **Date:** _____