



## *Our Lady Help of Christians*

Newton, Massachusetts

**This form is due on Sunday, December 11.**  
**It *must* have your sponsor's signature on it!**

Confirmation CANDIDATE'S Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Confirmation SPONSOR Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Residence (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Where SPONSOR Is Registered \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

### Requirements for a Confirmation Sponsor

The Sponsor is to take care that the confirmed person behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations inherent in this sacrament.

*from the Code of Canon Law 874, 892, 893*

By my signature, I attest that:

- I am over 16 years of age.
- I am a Roman Catholic *who has been fully initiated myself into the Roman Catholic Church. That is, I have received the Eucharist and I have been Confirmed.*
- I am not by bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared.
- I have a relationship with the Candidate through family or Baptism (godparent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, sibling, cousin; NOT A PARENT); or I have a close personal relationship with the Candidate.

SPONSOR'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship with Candidate \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Choosing a Sponsor...

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 of faith as a companion to the young person being fully initiated. This person should have established good rapport with and be easy to talk to for the young person. The Confirmation Sponsor is a "companion and friend in faith". Being a Confirmation Sponsor is more than a social honor or honorary title, so it is important to choose carefully.

Because there is a direct link between a person's Baptism and Confirmation, a Baptismal Godparent is a natural and appropriate person to think of as a Confirmation Sponsor, although it need not be this person.

Confirmation Sponsors are called to share the journey of Confirmation Preparation with the Candidate. It is recommended that Candidates and Sponsors attend Mass together, if possible, and share conversations about faith. Sponsors will be asked to attend a special experience of prayer for the Candidates and Sponsors, close to the celebration of Confirmation. All of this will make the experience more meaningful for both parties.

Finally, like a Godparent, the Sponsor is to play a role in the continuing development of the Candidate's faith beyond the day of Confirmation. This is intended to be a lifelong relationship of guidance and growth in faith.

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-from Canon Law 892*

