

Choosing A Sponsor

The sponsor has an important role in Confirmation – supporting the candidate and the candidate’s parents as the candidate prepares for Confirmation. Recognizing this important role, the Church requires that a sponsor meet several requirements necessary to fill this role in a young person’s life. A Sponsor must be...

- A minimum of 16 years of age
- a fully initiated Catholic (has received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist)
- a practicing member of the Catholic Church

These requirements are aimed at making sure that a sponsor is more mature, informed, and experienced in the ways of our faith and culture than the candidate.

Ideally a sponsor will also be...

- already have a trusting relationship with the candidate
- is willing to meet regularly with the candidate in preparation for Confirmation
- is willing and prepared to accompany the candidate on his or her lifelong faith journey
- is willing to share his or her faith with the candidate
- is an open, honest, caring, committed, and encouraging person who will help the candidate grow in his or her understanding and practice of the faith

This decision is an important one, that should be taken seriously and considered through discernment and prayer. Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as you discern this commitment and ask your prospective Sponsor to do the same before accepting your invitation.

Forms are due no later than **November 13th, 2020**. *Turn in early if you*

can!

1. Sponsor Form (required)
2. Sponsor Verification Form (only necessary if Sponsor is NOT a Holy Spirit parishioner)
 - a. Requires signature and seal of your Sponsor’s home parish priest.



Confirmation Sponsor Form

I, _____ have requested

(Confirmation Candidate's first, middle and last name-please print)

(Sponsor's full name—please print)

(Sponsor's full address, city, state and zip code & EMAIL—please print)

to be my Confirmation sponsor. I understand that my sponsor must be a confirmed Catholic, active in his/her faith. A sponsor is someone other than my parent whom I respect as a role model of Christian life.

My sponsor ¹ belongs to the Roman Catholic Parish of:

(Full name of Church—please print)

(Church's full address, city, state and zip code-please print)

Sponsor Acceptance

I, _____ accept the invitation to be a sponsor at the
(Sponsor's full name—please print)

Sacrament of Confirmation at Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

I affirm that I am a baptized Catholic, that I practice my religion, and that I am in good standing with the Catholic Church.

I understand that I am acting as a witness to the public acceptance of the Catholic religion by this Candidate.

I agree to act as a guide and advisor to this candidate, most especially by my own Catholic example and witness.

(Signature of Sponsor)

PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN November 13, 2021

Verification Form

Please mail to: Holy Spirit Catholic Church
4754 Smallhouse Road
Bowling Green, KY 42104
Attn: Allison Steen-Baker

Date: _____

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT _____ (Full Name)

- _____ Has/have completed instruction for Baptism.
- _____ Has/have permission to have their child/ren _____ baptized in your Church.
- _____ Will have to complete preparations for this Sacrament in your Church.
- _____ Lives within the boundaries of our Parish but is/are not known to us.
- X Is/are known and registered here are practicing Catholics.
- X Has/Have permission to be godparent(s) sponsor(s) for:
 - _____ Baptism X Confirmation _____ Witness at Marriage in your Church.
- For _____
- _____ Has/have completed instruction for this Sacrament in our Church.
- _____ Has/have permission to have 1st Eucharist in your Church.
- _____ Has/have permission to be Confirmed in your Church.
- _____ Has/have permission to be Married in your Church.

Pastor/Pastoral Associate

Parish seal