

## **CONFIRMATION SPONSOR GUIDELINES**

### **Saint Joseph Catholic Church 2018-2019**

*“You shall be My Witnesses” Acts 1:8*

A confirmation sponsor is a witness to the commitment that the confirmand is making to Christ. The sponsor presents the candidate to the Bishop and stands with him/her at the anointing of the Holy Spirit. In choosing a sponsor, the candidate for the reception of confirmation should select a person with the characteristics listed below. These characteristics come from Canon Law of the Catholic Church and the guidelines for the Diocese of Shreveport.

1. The sponsor may be a man or a woman, but not a parent, adoptive parent or step-parent, and must be at least 16 years old.
2. The sponsor must be confirmed, practices his/her faith by regular attendance at Sunday Mass and regularly receives the Eucharist. The sponsor leads a life in harmony with the Catholic faith.
3. The sponsor will willingly participate in the confirmand’s preparation process, by being a person who exemplifies in faith and action a life that the confirmand can follow as an example of a person journeying toward a closer relationship with the Lord, participates in the liturgies, attends classes with the confirmand whenever possible and will encourage the young candidate to live a Christian life during the preparation period and after confirmation.
4. Sponsors must bring in a “Pastor Verification Form for the Confirmation Sponsor” which indicates that the sponsor is a confirmed member in good standing. **Please turn it in to the Director of Religious Education by February 8, 2019.**

On the commitment form, you will be asked to sign your name after the following statements:

To Whom It May Concern:

- I am a confirmed, practicing Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church.
- I have carefully read the guidelines for sponsors.
- I practice my faith and the celebration of my life and God’s life at Mass on Sundays.
- I realize the importance of my good example in encouraging all whom I meet in their journey toward a closer relationship with God, and I accept my responsibility as a Confirmation sponsor for:

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(Confirmation Candidate’s Name)

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(Sponsor’s Signature)



## Confirmation Sponsor Commitment

### SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH – SHREVEPORT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I wish to be a Confirmation Sponsor for: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Confirmation Candidate's Name)

I am at least 16 years old, and am a confirmed, practicing Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church. I practice my faith and the celebration of my life and God's life at Mass on Sundays. I have carefully read the guidelines for sponsors. I realize the importance of my good example in encouraging all whom I meet in their journey toward a closer relationship with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and I accept my responsibility as a Confirmation sponsor. I am committed to being a living model of faith for my candidate, ready to pray for and with him/her and willing to give of my time and talents to help my candidate fully prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sponsor's Signature)

Sponsor's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_