

## St Joseph the Worker Parish Confirmation Sponsor

From the earliest days of the Church, specific people chosen from the community supported those seeking communion with the Church. At your Baptism those significant people were your parents and godparents (your baptismal sponsors) who promised that you would be raised in the faith. They professed their faith because you could not speak for yourself. Your godparents promised to help your parents. In Confirmation, you will speak for yourself and you will renew your Baptismal promises. The sponsor will stand with you and present you to the Bishop for Confirmation.

In choosing a sponsor, Church law gives us some requirements that must be met:

- A sponsor must be at least 16 years old.
- A sponsor must be a fully initiated Catholic (one who has celebrated Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) who “leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken.”
- A Sponsor can be a baptismal Godparent

***Parents cannot function as sponsors for the sacraments of initiation, because persons cannot be both parents and godparents to their children according to Canon Law.***

### **Role of Sponsor**

The person you ask to be your sponsor should know you well enough to be able to testify, by his or her presence before the community, that you are someone who wishes to be fully incorporated in the Church as a believing, practicing Catholic: that you are one who takes part faithfully in the Church’s worship, witness, and mission. When you are anointed with the chrism during Confirmation, your sponsor will stand beside you with a hand placed on your shoulder. This is a sign of your spiritual relationship.

When choosing your sponsor ask yourself:

- Is this person someone with whom I feel comfortable?
- Does this person live near enough to me to be truly able to be a guide and support?
- Will this person be willing and able to be my sponsor- to take an active role in my faith life?

**Sponsor’s Responsibility** – *It is for the sponsor to see that the confirmed person acts as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligation connected with this sacrament (Canon 892).*

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In preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation, each candidate must finalize his/her choice of a sponsor.

Name of Confirmation Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Confirmation Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Relationship to Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Home Parish and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Write a report on why you chose your Confirmation sponsor:**

Your report should follow these guidelines:

*At least 200 words*

The report must be in your own words

Typed, 12 pt, plain font

Double-spaced

**Use this Form as your cover page**