

Application to be a Sponsor for Confirmation at SPN-BS Parish



Being a sponsor (godparent) is an honor, privilege, and duty. As Jesus personally shared the Faith to his Apostles, and they, in turn, helped make others into disciples, qualified candidates for the sacred role of sponsor should be mature Catholics, living in accordance with the Catholic Faith, and be capable of mentoring the person being confirmed into a deeper encounter with Jesus and a greater understanding of our Church.

Archdiocesan policy on sponsors states: 3.2.2.5. Confirmation Sponsors

a. Sponsors must be confirmed, practicing Catholics in good standing and at least 16 years of age, and fulfill the other requirements of canon 874 §1 (canon 893 §1).

Sponsors who are married must be married according to the norms of the Catholic Church; those who are not married must be living a lifestyle consonant with the moral teachings of the Church (canon 874 §1 3°).

It is desirable that a godparent from baptism be also the sponsor at confirmation, although another person, of either sex, may fulfill this function. Parents may not be sponsors.

b. Catholics may never be sponsors at non-Catholic confirmations. Non-Catholics may never be sponsors at Confirmation.

This bottom portion must be completed IN PERSON and WITH THE PASTOR (or his delegate) in the potential sponsor's official parish and returned to the Director of Faith Formation at SPN-BS Parish.

*Dear Pastor (or your delegate), please meet with and interview the candidate petitioning to be a sponsor and fill in his/her information below, writing a **Y (yes)** or **N (no)** next to the subsequent phrases that apply to the potential sponsor. Please sign your name and imprint the embossed seal of your parish below. Thank you for helping us recruit suitable candidates for our confirmandi.*

(Name of the person receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at SPN-BS Parish)

(Full name of the person petitioning to be a sponsor)

(Full mailing address of the person petitioning to be a sponsor)

(Phone number and best email address for said candidate to be a sponsor)

Is a registered member of my parish Is at least 16 years of age
 Has received Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion.
 Is a practicing Catholic and is living in harmony with the Catholic Faith, (i.e. frequenting the sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation, not cohabitating outside of Catholic matrimony, etc.)
 Is not married. If married, the wedding took place in the Catholic rite.
 Do you recommend this person to be a sponsor?

Comments: _____

(Parish Seal)

(Signature of Sponsor's Pastor)

(Name of Parish, City, State)