

St. Pius X
Confirmation Sponsor
Packet

“Love One Another”

2021-2022



Sponsor

What is the role and responsibility of a Confirmation sponsor?

“...it is for the sponsor to see that the confirmed person acts as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations connected with this sacrament” (Code of Canon Law 892). A sponsor is someone who can help the confirmation candidate grow in his or her faith and serve as a guide and example of Christian life.

What qualifications must I meet in order to be a sponsor?

The Code of Canon Law states that one must meet the following requirements to be a sponsor:

- ◆ Be a Catholic who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- ◆ Be at least 16 years old
- ◆ Not be a parent of the candidate
- ◆ Be a Catholic in good standing who is not bound by any canonical penalty
- ◆ Be one who leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken
- ◆ If married, the marriage must be in the Catholic Church.

In order to illustrate the unity of Confirmation & Baptism, it is desirable that, if possible, one of the candidate's godparents also be the sponsor for Confirmation. This is not strictly necessary.

How are these qualifications verified?+++++

To verify that the above qualifications are met we require that you submit a signed Sponsor Verification letter. You are required to have your pastor sign the letter stating that you have met the qualifications to be a sponsor and include the churches seal. This letter should be obtained at the parish that you are registered.

Once completed, you should hand the verification form to the parents of the Confirmation student and the family will turn in the form to Mrs. Merkel by December 17th, 2021. You may

also email the form to dmerkel@spxdallas.org or mail the form to

SPX Catholic School
3030 Gus Thomasson Rd
Dallas, Tx 75228
c/o Debra Merkel

Expectations of Sponsors

The primary job of a sponsor is to be a spiritual friend to the Confirmand. You should be able to share your own faith with your Confirmand and be a person of prayer. A sponsor makes a commitment to journey with the Confirmand. It is easier as a sponsor if you live in close physical proximity. If that is not possible please talk with your Confirmand frequently and try to attend mass with them occasionally.

We encourage all sponsors to view this time of Confirmation preparation as an opportunity to develop and strengthen their role as spiritual leaders of their Confirmand. Thus, we ask and encourage you as sponsors to commit yourselves to the following expectations for the benefit and support of your own spiritual life as well as that of your Confirmand.

Sponsors are expected to...

PRAY DAILY. Without seeking to be close to God in prayer, much of the things we may do as parents will make little difference in the end. Pray for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, knowledge, understanding, courage, right judgment, reverence, and fear of the Lord) to help you aid your Confirmand in their faith journey as they seek to grow closer to the Lord.

ATTEND SUNDAY MASS WEEKLY. The celebration of the Eucharist is the center of our lives as Catholic Christians because that is where we encounter Jesus in a way that is unlike any other. It is critical that we attend Mass on Sundays to worship God and honor his commandment to “keep holy the Sabbath.”

ATTEND THE CONFIRMATION MEETINGS. In order to help your Confirmand through this preparation process, it is important that you be well informed about the program and the theology of Confirmation. If possible, we would like you to attend these meetings with your Confirmand. (Aug 30th, Oct 25th, Jan 31st, March 28th)

HELP YOUR CONFIRMAND ON THIS JOURNEY. Most of the requirements of this Confirmation program can be fulfilled by the youth if they take the responsibility and initiative. However, sometimes they may need a reminder, some help, or guidance. Help them to remember to pray by praying with them. Help them to serve by serving with them. Help them to get to Mass by going with them.

GO TO CONFESSION BEFORE CONFIRMATION.

If you cannot meet these expectations, please let your Confirmand know as soon as possible so they can obtain another sponsor.

St. Pius X Catholic Church Confirmation Sponsor Form
DUE December 17th, 2021

REMINDERS

- Sponsors can be individuals older than 16 years of age that have already received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation & Holy Eucharist). They must be practicing Catholics and in good standing with the Catholic Church.
- Should the sponsor be married, the marriage must have been in the Roman Catholic Church.
- A single person may also serve as a sponsor. However, this person may not be living with someone in a civil marriage or in a common law marriage.
- Sponsors should be attending the Sunday Mass on a regular basis and observing the Holy Days of Obligation.
- The sponsor for any candidate may be male or female.
- An individual sponsor for each candidate is the requirement. The same sponsor may serve for one or two candidates.
- Neither the mother nor father of a candidate may be a sponsor.

Confirmand's Name _____

Confirmand's Saint Name _____

Confirmand's Signature _____

Sponsor's Name _____

Sponsor's Phone # _____ Sponsor's Email _____

Sponsor's Registered Church (Include city, state, and zip code)

Sponsor's Signature _____

By signing this form, you are attesting your eligibility to serve as a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation.