



Church of Saint John the Baptist Youth Confirmation Formation

Confirmation Sponsors

As you begin the Confirmation Formation process, you will want to consider who to choose to be your Sponsor.

On the day of your Confirmation, your Sponsor will present you to the bishop for the Sacrament of Confirmation. However, a Sponsor should take on more than just a ceremonial role. He or she should be someone you look up to and respect and should be a good spiritual role model who encourages you in your faith.

Sponsors are so important that the Church has certain requirements, which they must meet in order to fulfill this special role. It is of vital importance that when you sign this form, you realize what the requirements are for Sponsors so you know whom you can or cannot ask.

Sponsor Requirements:

- 1) The Sponsor should be sufficiently mature for this role.

The Sponsor should not only be a good friend or relative; s/he should be someone who takes their faith seriously by attending Mass regularly. It should be someone with whom you would not be embarrassed or afraid to talk to about the Church or your faith.

- 2) He/she is a member of the Catholic Church and has received the three sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

A Sponsor MUST be a fully initiated member of the Roman Catholic Church having received all the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

- 3) The Sponsor should not be prohibited by Church law from exercising the role of sponsor.

A Sponsor must be in "good standing" with the Church. In other words, they cannot be a person who was a fully initiated Catholic who now practices another faith or none. If they are married, their marriage must be recognized by the Catholic Church. Your sponsor will be asked to complete and sign the sponsor certificate form. Please think before you ask and choose someone who meets the above criteria to be your Sponsor.

A copy of the Sponsor Certificate is to be filled out at the Parish of the Sponsor. The Sponsor Certificate is the pink form in your red folder and is also available online at www.stjohnhillsdale.org or at the St. John's Parish Center.



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Youth Confirmation

Confirmation Sponsor Certificate

(The sponsor certificate must be witnessed by a priest of the sponsor's home parish.)

Dear Father:

I have been invited to serve as a sponsor for the Confirmation of

(First and last name of the person to be confirmed)

I accept this responsibility and attest to the following: (Check each that applies to you. To be a sponsor you must check off all items)

_____ I am at least 16 years of age

_____ I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist in the Catholic Church.

_____ I am a practicing Catholic (I attend Mass regularly)

_____ I am married. (Check one) ___ yes ___ no

_____ If yes, I was married in the Catholic Church, or my marriage is recognized by the Catholic Church

_____ I am a registered parishioner of _____
(Name of Church) (Town/State)

I will support this Confirmation Candidate with my prayers and example.

(Sponsor's Signature)

(Sponsor's Printed Name)

(Address)

(Date)

(Signature of Priest Witness)

(Affix Church Seal Here)

Please return it to:
Saint John the Baptist Parish Center
One Valley Street
Hillsdale, New Jersey 07642
Attn: Confirmation Coordinator