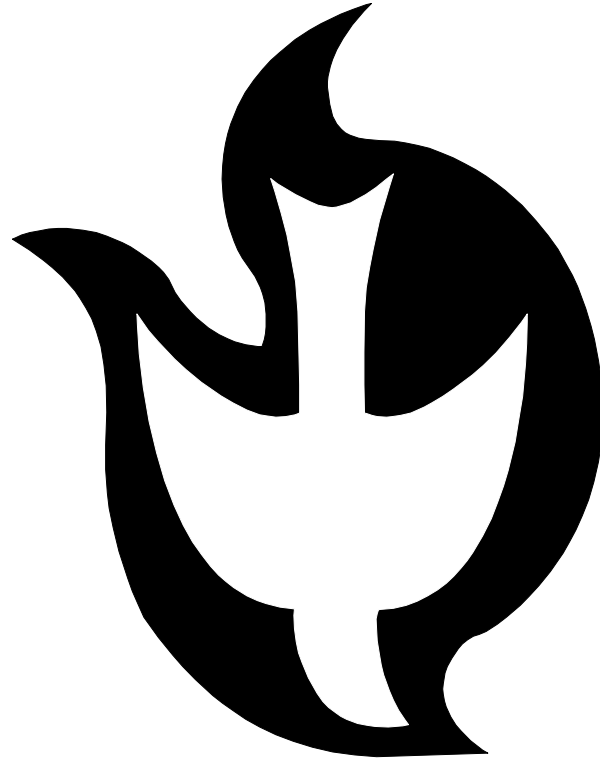


Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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## *Sponsor Workbook*



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Dear Perspective Sponsor,

Congratulations!

You have received this packet because you have been asked to consider sponsoring someone for Confirmation. Accepting the role of sponsor is an honor and a privilege and carries with it certain responsibilities.

Each Confirmation candidate chooses an individual sponsor as an important part of preparation for Confirmation. This person's role is to walk with the candidate and offer guidance as he or she prepares for Confirmation. Therefore, the sponsor is someone who is already involved in the spiritual formation of the candidate. The sponsor is one who can be available to share his or her faith life and be an example of Christian living, representing the Church by supporting the candidate, praying with the candidate, and challenging him or her to live a Christian life.

On the day of Confirmation, the sponsor will literally stand behind the candidate and confidently present him or her to the bishop as a person ready to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is a joyful experience for the entire faith community!

### **Sponsor Requirements**

- 1. At least sixteen years old*
- 2. Completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist)*
- 3. An active member of a Catholic parish community*
- 4. Must be present for the Confirmation practice and celebration*
- 5. Must not be prohibited by Church Law from exercising the role of Sponsor.*

### **A Sponsor can be**

- 1. The candidate's baptismal sponsor, if desired*
- 2. Either male or female*

*Note: A sponsor cannot be the candidate's parent.*

I hope this information helps you to better understand the role of the sponsor of a Confirmation candidate. If you say "Yes" to this commitment, complete pages two and three and return this packet to the candidate before February 29, 2012.

May God bless you,

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## SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE

I am a registered member of the Parish Family of \_\_\_\_\_ Church.

I recognize that in accepting the role of sacramental sponsorship, I become responsible to be a model and example of a committed and active Catholic and to be a support to the parents of the person I am sponsoring in the practice of our mutual faith.

I hereby assure that I am committed to my Catholic faith, that I am myself Baptized and Confirmed in that faith, that I am not married outside the Church or otherwise compromised in my own sacramental life.

I meet my fundamental obligations as a Catholic by:

- participating in Sunday Mass weekly
- receiving the Eucharist as often as possible and Penance as necessary
- being open to the Word of God as revealed in Scripture and taught by the Catholic Church
- witnessing to the values of the gospel of Jesus Christ by seeking to be of service to others for love of Him.

I promise to give my full support to the person I am sponsoring by the Christian example of my daily life, so help me God!

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*Sponsor's Signature*

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*Pastor/Pastoral Associate Signature*

*(Parish Seal)*

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*Date*

