

Conf. Year-One

St. Pius X Church Faith Formation Center
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Sponsor Information Sheet

Return This Form by November 1st of this year

Candidate Name: _____ Catechist: _____

Sponsor Requirements PER CANON LAW:

The person that you choose as your Confirmation Sponsor MUST:

- ***Be a practicing Catholic, who is fully Initiated in the Catholic Church, having received their own Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist AND obtain a certificate/letter of Sponsor Eligibility from their Pastor (this form you're reading is not the certificate/letter)***
- ***Be sufficiently mature in their faith commitment***
- ***Be at least sixteen years of age***
- ***IF married, must have been so Sacramentally in the Catholic Church***

PARENTS OF THE CANDIDATE ARE NOT ELIGIBAL TO BE THE SPONSOR OF THEIR OWN CHILD

SPONSOR'S FULL NAME

_____ FIRST _____ MI _____ LAST _____ age if minor

Mailing Address _____

City, State Zip Code _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER () _____

Parish of Sponsor _____

City, St Zip Code _____

If for any reason, you don't have a sponsor, by November a Sponsor can be assigned to you.

It is the Candidates' responsibility to communicate with their Sponsor the requirements, including that it is the SPONSOR's responsibility for contacting their own Pastor to request a written Certificate/Letter of Eligibility to fulfill the role of Sponsor. THIS INCLUDES Parishioners of St Pius X Church Middletown, CT, who should telephone the Friary Office 860-347-4441 to speak with our Pastor to obtain a Sponsor Certificate Eligibility Letter. Candidates Full Name should be printed on the certificate. Sponsor Certificate Eligibility Letter ***must be received by JANUARY of this current academic year. Without this document, they are not eligible.***

Questions: c.butler@saintpius.org 860-346-9100 Faith Formation Center Office

Below is for Office Use:

_____ DATE SPONSOR CERTIFICATE RECEIVED BY COORDINATOR

Special notes:

THIS FORM IS FOR OUR OFFICE USE ONLY AND IS NOT THE Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility or letter

How to choose a Confirmation Sponsor

You will want to choose your Confirmation Sponsor carefully, it is an important role and much more than just someone to stand with you on the day of your sacrament. This is a special person who can best serve as your faith role model, is easy to talk with and who you feel will enhance your faith journey as you will be working together over the next two years of your preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please read below **BEFORE** asking the person you have in mind to be your Sponsor. The person must meet all of the Canon Law criteria listed.

Requirements of who can Sponsor: Parents are not eligible to Sponsor their OWN child.

PER CANON LAW- A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR MUST BE:

- A Baptized and Confirmed Catholic (be fully Initiated in the Church)
- No younger than sixteen years of age
- Is able to give proof of being registered in a Roman Catholic Parish by producing “**An Eligibility to be a Sponsor Certificate**” **by January of Yr-One** from their Parish which states that they are Practicing in the Faith and are in good standing within the Roman Catholic Church
- **IF married**, must have been so **Sacramentally in the Roman Catholic Church**

When should a Mentor be chosen in addition to a Sponsor?

The candidate should in addition to choosing a Sponsor select a Mentor if:

- The Sponsor lives a distance away.
- The Sponsor will not be able to meet with their candidate to work on their Sponsor-Candidate Continuing the Journey Booklet together.
- The Sponsor will not be able to attend Special Masses, Special Programs or Volunteer Service Projects as needed.

A Mentor must fit all the Canon Law Criteria of a Sponsor, with the exception of PARENT(S) ARE eligible to MENTOR THEIR OWN CHILD!!

When is a PROXY needed?

A proxy is needed as a person who *stands-in-the-place-of* your Sponsor at the **actual** Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, if your Sponsor is unable to attend. The Sponsor is recorded on the certificate as if they were present. Both the Sponsor and the Proxy persons information is recorded in the official Sacramental Church Record Book.

A Proxy must fit all the Canon Law Criteria of a Sponsor, with the exception of PARENT(S) ARE ELIGIBLE TO PROXY A SPONSOR OF THEIR OWN CHILD!!

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IF YOU CHANGE YOUR SPONSOR AFTER SUBMITTING THE INFORMATION YOU WILL NEED TO RESUBMIT ALL THE NESSECERY INFORMATION INCLUDING THE SPONSOR ELEGIBILITY CERTIFICATE/LETTER. IF you are unable to find an eligible Sponsor, please contact the office immediately, so we can offer you a variety of suggestions of who to ask.