St. Pius X Church Faith Formation Center

310 Westfield St.

Middletown, CT 06457-2047

 **Sponsor Information Sheet**

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* if Married it must have been as a Sacrament of the Catholic Church; obtain and supply from their own Pastor a *Sponsor Eligibility Certificate* stating they are able to fill the role of sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
* Be sufficiently mature in their faith commitment
* Be at least sixteen years of age

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

**SPONSOR’S FULL NAME** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**SPONSOR’S PARISH INFORMATION:**

PARISH NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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PASTOR’S NAME \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Your SPONSOR is responsible for contacting their \*Pastor to request a *SPONSOR CERTIFICATE*. Please request that your name is written on it so we can match it to the candidate. They will not be eligible to be your Sponsor at Confirmation, without this important document on file.**

***The Sponsor Certificate must be received by the Saint Pius X Faith Formation Director by NOVEMBER 1st class.***

**\*Parishioner’s of St Pius X Church Middletown, CT are to contact by telephone the Friary Office 860-347-4441 to speak with our Pastor to obtain a Sponsor Certificate.**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **DATE SPONSOR CERTIFICATE RECEIVED BY COORDINATOR**

Mrs. Natalia Nawrot, Director of Religious Education

n.nawrot@saintpius.org 860-346-9100 Faith Formation Center Office

How to choose a Confirmation Sponsor

You will want to choose your Confirmation Sponsor carefully, as it is an important role. This should be a special person whom you feel 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 three of the Canon Law criteria listed.

PER CANON LAW- A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR MUST BE:

* A Baptized and Confirmed Catholic (be fully Initiated in the Church), and if Married, as a Sacrament of the Catholic Church.
* No younger then sixteen years of age
* Is able to give proof of being registered in a Roman Catholic Parish by producing “A Sponsor Certificate” from their Parish which states that they are Practicing in the Faith and are in good standing within the Roman Catholic Church

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***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 Booklet together
* The Sponsor will not be able to attend Special Masses, Special Programs or help them with Volunteer Service Projects as needed.

**A Mentor must fit all the Canon Law Criteria of a Sponsor with the exception of**

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***When is a PROXY needed?***

A proxy is needed as a person who stands-in the place of your Sponsor at the Celebration of Confirmation, when your Sponsor is unable to attend. The Sponsor will be recorded on the certificate as if they were present. Both the Sponsor and the Proxy persons information is recorded in the Church Records.

**A Proxy must fit all the Canon Law Criteria of a Sponsor with the exception of**

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