



**The Collaborative Parishes of
Resurrection & St. Paul**
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON



ESSENTIALS FOR CONFIRMATION SPONSORS

Why the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Prior to his ascension into heaven, Jesus told his apostles that he would send them the Holy Spirit to be their advocate and guide, and on the Feast of Pentecost, the promised gift of the Holy Spirit fell on the apostles and the Virgin Mary as they prayed in the Upper Room, empowering them to be witnesses of Jesus in the world. “The Sacrament of Confirmation perfects Baptismal grace; it is the sacrament which gives the Holy Spirit in order to root us more deeply in the divine filiation, incorporate us more firmly into Christ, strengthen our bond with the Church, associate us more closely with her mission, and help us to bear witness to the Christian faith in words accompanied by deeds.” (CCC 1316) “Confirmation, like Baptism, imprints a spiritual mark or indelible character on the Christian’s soul; for this reason, one can receive this sacrament only once in one’s life.” (CCC 1317)

What is the role of a Confirmation Sponsor?

Just as a sponsor for baptism takes upon himself/herself the responsibility of helping the newly baptized person mature in the living a Christian life and offers his or her own life and practice of the faith as an example of faith, prayer and service within the Catholic Church, the Sponsor for Confirmation continues that work for the person who is to be confirmed. The Sacrament of Confirmation also creates a strong spiritual bond between the one who is confirmed and the sponsor. The sponsor should be committed to trying to be a part of the confirmandi’s life by presence and prayer and always realizing that a sponsor’s prayers for that person are especially efficacious before Almighty God. One’s “yes” to be a sponsor for Confirmation is not just a “yes” to the candidate, but also a serious commitment to God in taking on this obligation.

What are the requirements of the Church for being a Confirmation sponsor?

- A sponsor must be someone other than the parent of the one to be confirmed.
- A sponsor must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.
- A sponsor must be at least 16 years of age and may be male or female regardless of the sex of the candidate.
- A sponsor must be leading a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken; therefore, if married, must be married in the Church and if single, must be striving to live a chaste life and therefore cannot be living with a person outside of marriage.

A sponsor must be a practicing Catholic, registered in a parish, who regularly attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days and receives the Holy Eucharist.



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CONFIRMATION SPONSOR INFORMATION

Congratulations on being asked to be a Sponsor! By accepting this role, you are committing to a significant role in this young person’s life. You will be asked to share your faith with this person and encourage them on his/her journey as a Catholic.

Name of person you are sponsoring:

First Name

Middle

Last Name

Sponsor:

First Name

Middle

Last Name

Cell Phone

Email

Name of Your Catholic Parish:

Parish Name

City

State

Confirmation Sponsor Information Sponsor, please have your parish sign and seal this form.

Qualifications of a Confirmation Sponsor: In accordance with Canon Law 874 and 893, please provide the following information. If you do not meet all of these requirements, please let the parents of the confirmed know.

1. A Sponsor must be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Please indicate whether you have received the three Sacraments of Initiation:

Baptism: Yes No

First Eucharist: Yes No

Confirmed in the Catholic Church: Yes No

2. A Sponsor must be at least 16 years old.

Are you 16 or older? Yes No

3. A Sponsor cannot be the parent of the person to be confirmed.

Are you the parent of this person? Yes No

4. A Sponsor must be in good standing with the Catholic Church.

- If married, he/she must be married in the Catholic Church and living in accordance with Church teaching.

- If single, he/she must be living according to Church teaching.

Are you in good standing with the Church? Yes No

5. A Sponsor must be a practicing Catholic.

Do you attend Mass on every weekend and Holy Days of Obligation and regularly receive the sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation? Yes No

As God is my witness, I attest that I have answered all of the above questions truthfully and meet the qualifications to be a sponsor for Confirmation.

Sponsor Signature

Date

**Please mail completed form by February 1st to:
Jo-Ann Sullivan ~ Resurrection Parish ~ 1057 Main Street, Hingham, MA 02043**