



# Requirements to be a Sponsor

The Confirmation Sponsor must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic. He/She cannot be a parent of the Confirmandi or Confirmation Candidate; however, the sponsor can be a grandparent or Godparent. This should be someone the candidate trusts in seeking out faith advice and direction. While the popular choice is a family member or family friend, we also recommend small group leaders and ministry leaders. This is a choice up to the candidate. It is recommended that the sponsor only sponsor one candidate.

All forms available at [www.sttheresenorth.org/confirmation](http://www.sttheresenorth.org/confirmation)

As a Sponsor, I understand that I commit to the following:

- I must submit a **Sponsors Information Form** by **October 1, 2020**.
- I must obtain a **Certificate of Good Standing** from his/her parish.
  - Please fill out, print, have signed by your pastor, and return to the St. Therese Office of Student Ministry by **October 1, 2020**.
- I understand that as a sponsor I am to live a life in harmony with the nature of this responsibility.
- I receive the Eucharist regularly; I make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- I am not married outside the Church, cohabitating, or in an otherwise irregular situation.
- I seek to be faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church to the best of my understanding.
- I attest that I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, and that I am at least 16 years old (preferably 18).
- I understand that being a Sponsor is a commitment of time.
- I understand that being chosen as a Sponsor is a lifetime commitment, and, as I am able, I will continue to be a faithful witness of the Catholic way of life, especially to the individual I am called to serve and sponsor.
- I attend I regularly attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (when I am not dispensed by my Bishop of my obligation to do so, as much of the faithful currently is due to the Coronavirus pandemic).
- I follow the precepts of the Catholic Church to the best of my ability.
- I possess no impediments for serving as a Sponsor as stated above.
- **I (or my designated proxy) will attend all required events, including Confirmation liturgy (Saturday, January 16) and rehearsal (Friday, January 15).**