

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR FORM

St. Patrick Catholic Church
320 West Broadway
Kokomo, Indiana 46901
765-452-6021

I am the Confirmation Sponsor for, _____

To be read, fully understood and signed by Confirmation Sponsor.

Congratulations on being chosen to walk with and help guide this amazing young person as they journey to celebrate Confirmation. To fulfill this role you must meet the following requirements and understand the responsibility involved in this profound faith commitment.

Sponsor Requirements:

- ◇ According to Cannon Law, Sponsors must be Confirmed Catholics of “16 years of age to take on the function of a sponsor”.
- ◇ A Sponsor is preferably the Baptism Godparent or someone outside the immediate family. Parents may not be sponsors.
- ◇ Sponsors need to be in good standing with the Church and active in his/her faith. This means that a Sponsor obeys the Precepts of the Church.
 1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.
 2. You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
 3. You shall humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter season.
 4. You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence.
 5. You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church. (contributing time, talent and treasure to one’s ability)

Sponsor Role, Responsibilities and Suggestions:

- ◇ **Be a living model of faith.** Your faith life should be authentic and sincere.
- ◇ **Pray for your candidate and yourself.** Your candidate needs spiritual strength on this journey. Your prayers for them are important and pray also for yourself, that God will bless you with the courage and wisdom to share why you value and practice the Catholic Faith.
 1. Attend Mass and /or Reconciliation together
 2. Pray together in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel
 3. Share insight on faith and moral issues
 4. Quiz candidate on information in the yellow handbook, especially the 7 prayers to be memorized
- ◇ **Give of your time and share your gifts.** You have a unique opportunity to spread the love of Christ through being a sponsor. Share your God-given talents, faith journey, wisdom, and let your light shine. Be creative, inspiring, and have fun assisting this soul to love God more and more.
 1. Attend monthly Confirmation Formation Meetings. If you are unable to meet this requirement due to distance or employment a parent may fill in during meetings.
 2. Write a letter of encouragement
 3. Participate in a service project together
 4. Offer a gift of spiritual significance - a devotion, rosary, holy card or a book about their Saint.
- ◇ **Be present at the Confirmation Ceremony on April 18, 2011.** You will sit beside your candidate during Mass, come forward when instructed, place your hand on your candidate’s shoulder, and tell the Bishop your candidate’s Confirmation name. You are there to be a support.
- ◇ **Stay involved with the newly confirmed.** Your role as one who models the faith continues on. Remember birthdays, Baptism and Confirmation anniversaries, do Christian service together, attend a parish event together and continue to pray for one another. Put those “Gifts of the Spirit” into practice.

A letter/certificate from your parish stating you are in good standing is due August, 2010. Please ask your pastor to send the letter/certificate to: St. Patrick Catholic Church, 320 W. Broadway, Kokomo, Indiana 46901. Or send the form by FAX to (765)868-8384. Attention: Fr. Ted Dudzinski.

Dates and times of monthly formation meetings, due dates for assignments and general information will provided at the 1st Formal Formation Meeting in August of 2010. **Please tear off this page to keep before handing in the second page of this form.**

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(part 2 to be completed by Sponsor and turned into St. Patrick Parish Office)

Statement of Intention: *To the best of my knowledge I am in good standing, I understand the responsibilities that I am undertaking as a Sponsor, and I intend to fulfill them to the best of my ability.*

I am a Confirmation Sponsor for: _____

Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sponsor Name: _____ M F

Address: _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ e-mail: _____

1. Are you confirmed in the Catholic Church? Yes _____ No _____

2. Name of Parish you attend: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

3. To your knowledge, are you bound by any canonical penalty? Yes _____ No _____

4. Do you keep all the Precepts of the Church? Yes _____ No _____