

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR FORM

St. Francis Xavier Parish, 3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504 Phone 818-504-4411

To be selected as a sponsor for a prospective member of the Catholic Church is a great privilege. As a sponsor you will be asked to extend in a personal way our Catholic Community's welcome and support. Through your companionship with your candidate you will pass on the spirit of community, and God's loving presence, as she/he prepares to confirm their faith through the Sacrament. You will experience first hand the challenge new members face. As you share with them some of your own life and faith experience as an active member of the church, you will probably uncover for yourself new dimensions of being a Catholic Christian. You may also gain a new friend for life's journey. Thank you for committing to this important role!

REQUIREMENTS FOR SPONSOR

These requirements flow from the above understanding of the Sacraments and roles of sponsors as set forth in the Code of Canon Law. Sponsors must be:

- At least 16 years old, Baptized and Confirmed in the Catholic faith.
- An active Catholic: "An active Catholic is one who attends Sunday and Holy Day masses regularly and participates in the Sacramental life of the Church."
- Only one sponsor is required and cannot be a parent of the candidate.
- Sponsor may be of either sex and may be a Baptismal Godparent.
- Married sponsors must be in a valid Catholic marriage.

If any of the above requirements cannot be met, please attach a recommendation from the sponsor's local parish priest stating eligibility of sponsorship.

Student's Name (please print)_____

SPONSOR INFORMATION:

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ St. _____ Zip_____

Home Phone_____ Work Phone_____

Email checked most often_____

Church of Baptism_____ City/State_____

Church of Confirmation_____ City/State_____

Are you Married? ____ Yes / ____ No

If married, were you married in the Catholic Church? ____ Yes / ____ No

Church of Marriage:_____

Name of person filling out this form_____

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Choosing someone to walk the journey of Confirmation with the candidate is done before the beginning of the second year. You can always make an appointment with the Confirmation Leader to discuss any questions or concerns about choosing a sponsor.

What is a Sponsor:

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles specifies that a sponsor for a Confirmation candidate be sufficiently mature and over the age of 16, a fully initiated Catholic, and living a life of faith which benefits the role to be undertaken.

What is a Sponsor's Role?

MODEL of how a person of faith lives in today's world as they seek to understand the Lord and the people of God.

FRIEND who knows the candidate and can be a witness to his/her maturing faith before our community.

LEARNER who is interested in their own growth as they walk the faith journey with the candidate.

MENTOR, by introducing the candidate to parish organizations in order to meet the community; as well as during the Sunday liturgy and at other special church ceremonies.

COMPANION who will continue after Confirmation to walk the faith journey with the candidate and invite them into fuller participation in parish life and service.

ATTEND liturgical rites and specific meetings with the candidate.

PRAY liturgical rites and specific meetings with the candidate.

SPONSOR'S PRAYER

*God of all ages, you send out your Spirit
To touch the hearts of people
So that they may believe in you
And in Jesus whom you sent.
Look kindly on all candidates as they listen to your voice.
Open their hearts to your spirit
And bring to fulfillment the good work you have begun in them.
As I reach out to the young members of the Church
Make me an instrument of your love.
Teach me to respect what is holy in others,
And be patient with what I do not understand.
Deepen my faith on the Gospel,
And help me to pass it on by good example.
With those who are hesitant or afraid, Let me be a source of encouragement,
And with those who are weak, let me be a pillar of strength.
I humbly accept the ministry of sponsor,
And I pray that you will continue to guide and sustain me,
As I move with my candidate towards Your call.
Amen*