

REQUIREMENTS FOR A SPONSOR FOR CONFIRMATION AS DIRECTED BY THE CODE OF CANON LAW

Each person to be confirmed must have a sponsor. The sponsor's function is to take care that the person confirmed behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the duties inherent in this sacrament. Church law demands certain requirements of sponsors:

- The person to be appointed must be suitable for this role and have the intention of fulfilling it.
- Be not less than sixteen years of age.
- Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has received the Blessed Eucharist, *and who lives a life of faith, which befits the role to be undertaken.*
- Not labor under a canonical penalty, whether imposed or declared.
- Not be either the father or the mother of the person to be confirmed.
- It is desirable that the sponsor chosen be the one who undertook this role at baptism, but not required.
- It is customary for a girl to pick a woman and for a boy to pick a man, but not required.

Visitation of Our Lady Sponsor Contract Due Date: Last Day of Preparation Class

Confirmation Student's Name: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____
(Please Print) (First) (Middle) (Last)

Sponsor's Church of Confirmation: _____

Sponsor's Date of Confirmation: _____

Please attach a copy of your sponsor's Confirmation certificate to this form.
If your sponsor received Confirmation at VOL copy of certificate not needed.

Please note: If your sponsor is your godparent, their name already appears on your baptismal certificate so a copy of their Confirmation certificate is not required. That information was obtained at the time of your baptism. Your sponsor can not be a Christian Witness, must be a confirmed Catholic.