

# REQUIREMENTS FOR SPONSORS

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

The role of a sponsor is to be a model of holiness for those who are to receive their Sacraments. This means that the sponsor must live an exemplary Catholic Faith. It is preferable that the sponsor is a family member or a close family friend who is active in the life of the candidate, but if no one is available that meets the criteria established by the Universal Catholic Church, you will need to find someone else who does.

**Please ask your sponsor the following questions; if they answer “Yes” to ALL the questions this means that they are qualified.**

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| 1. Are you 16 years of age or older?  | YES | NO |     |
| 2. Have you been baptized, confirmed, and received first Holy Communion in the Catholic Church? | YES | NO |     |
| 3. Do you assist to Holy Mass <b>every Sunday</b> ?   | YES | NO |     |
| 4. Do you receive the Holy Eucharist during the time of Easter?                                 | YES | NO |     |
| 5. Do you regularly go to Confession?   | YES | NO |     |
| 6. If you are married, are you married through the Catholic Church?                             | YES | NO | N/A |

**Verify that they answer “No” to these following questions:**

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| 7. If you are not married; are you sexually active?                                      | YES | NO |  |
| 8. Do you live with someone with whom you have an intimate relationship?                 | YES | NO |  |
| 9. Are you the biological parent or adoptive parent of the person who will be confirmed? | YES | NO |  |

**If the sponsor answered contrary to any of these 9 questions, they are not eligible to be a sponsor, and you will need to choose someone else who meets with these requirements.**

**The sponsor forms must be turned in no later than MAY 2nd. If you don't, the candidate will not be able to receive their Sacraments. (Those who are not yet baptized will need to turn in the forms no later than March 7th: Day of Retreat)**

Here are some suggestions for finding a qualified sponsor:

- Those who assist to daily Mass; ask people who assist daily Mass if they wish to be your sponsor.
- Ask parents among other candidates if they qualify to be a sponsor.
- Ask someone from any of these Parish groups; “Madres Cristianas”, “Guadalupeana Association”, “Knights of Columbus”, “Legion of Mary”, “English Men’s group”, “Caballeros Templarios”, any of your Catechism teachers, or other Parish groups if they wish to be sponsors.

If you have any questions regarding sponsor requirements, please call Mrs. Diana Barba 602-276-5581 ext. 272.

God bless,

Rev. Alonso Saenz

Pastor

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**SPONSOR INFORMATION**

Name of the person who will be receiving Sacraments:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of the Sponsor:

\_\_\_\_\_  
The Sponsor must fill out this form and take it to the Parish they belong to and obtain the Pastor's signature by which he consents that this person meets the requirements to be a Godparent

For those that are **Not Baptized**, you must return this form no later than:

**March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

For those **receiving Sacraments in June** you must turn this form in no later than:

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020.**

**SPONSOR DECLARATION**

I acknowledge that by accepting the role of a sponsor, I will be responsible of being an example of Faith for the candidate. This means being an active and committed Catholic who will support the parents in the practice of our faith.

With this document, I am affirm that I am baptized and committed to my Catholic faith, **that I am not married outside the Catholic Church**, or have compromised my Sacramental life in any way. I will convey my fundamental duties as a Catholic, by participating in Sunday Mass, receiving the Eucharist as often as possible, going to Confession when necessary, being open to God's word as it is revealed in Sacred Scriptures and how the Church teaches us, bearing witness of the values of Christ's gospel, and seeking to be of service to others for His love and that I am at least 16 years old.

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**Sponsor's Signature**

I verify that the person mentioned above is a member of: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parish Name), located at: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parish address) and to the best of my knowledge this person is in good standing with the Catholic Church. They faithfully attend Sunday Mass, receive Holy Communion, and by the practice of their faith has the merit of accepting the responsibility of being a Godparent.

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**Pastor or Associate Signature**

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