

REQUIREMENTS FOR CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

I. *Requirements as per the Code of Canon Law:

- A. Only one male sponsor or one female sponsor for a Confirmation candidate is to be used.
- B. Must have completed the sixteenth (16) year.
- C. Must be a Catholic who has received the sacrament of Baptism.
- D. Must be a Catholic who has received the sacrament of Confirmation.
- E. Must be a Catholic who has received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist.
- F. If married, must be a Catholic who has received the sacrament of Holy Matrimony in the Church.
- G. Must be a Catholic who leads a life in harmony with the Catholic Church (registered and active [going to Sunday Mass] in a Catholic Church).

II. Documents Required from the Sponsor of a Person to be Confirmed:

- A. A copy of sponsor's Baptism Certificate.
- B. A copy of sponsor's First Communion Certificate.
- C. A copy of sponsor's Confirmation Certificate.
- D. If Married, a copy of the Marriage Certificate.
- E. A letter from the pastor where the sponsor is registered and active, stating he or she is registered and active and qualifies to be a sponsor.

*CANONICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

Can. 892 -- Insofar as possible a sponsor for the one to be confirmed should be present; it is for the sponsor to see that the confirmed person acts as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations connected with this sacrament.

Can. 893 -- §1. To perform the role of sponsor, it is necessary that a person fulfill the conditions mentioned in can. 874.

§2. It is desirable that the one who undertook the role of sponsor at baptism be sponsor for confirmation.

Can. 874 -- §1. To be admitted to the role of sponsor, a person must:

- 1° be designated by the one to be confirmed, by the parents or the one who takes their place or, in their absence, by the pastor or minister and is to have the qualifications and intention of performing this role;
- 2° have completed the sixteenth year, unless a different age has been established by the diocesan bishop or it seems to the pastor or minister that an exception is to be made for a just cause;
- 3° be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken;
- 4° not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
- 5° not be the father or the mother of the one to be confirmed.

*Code of Canon Law: Latin-English Edition. Washington: Canon Law Society of America, 1983.