

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR GUIDELINES
for the PARISHES of SACRED HEART, LEBANON
and ST. HELENA, ENFIELD

A confirmation sponsor is a witness to the commitment that the confirmand is making to Christ. The sponsor presents the candidate to the bishop and stands with the confirmand at his / her anointing of the Holy Spirit.

In choosing a sponsor, the confirmand should select a person with the characteristics listed below. These characteristics come from Canon Law of the Catholic Church and other ecclesial resources.

- The sponsor may be a man or a woman, but not a parent and must be at least 16 years old.
- The sponsor must be a confirmed Catholic, practicing the Faith by regular attendance at Sunday Mass and regularly receiving the Eucharist.
- The sponsor should lead a life in harmony with the Catholic Faith.
- The sponsor will willingly participate in the confirmand's preparation process by being a Catholic who exemplifies in faith and action a life that the confirmand can follow as one journeying toward a closer relationship with the Lord and participating in the liturgies. The sponsor will encourage the confirmand to live a Catholic Christian life during the preparation period and after confirmation.
- Sponsors must submit a completed "Pastor Verification Form for the Confirmation Sponsor" (see reverse) indicating that the sponsor is a confirmed member in good standing at that pastor's parish.

Please see the reverse of this page for the VERIFICATION FORM.

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR VERIFICATION FORM ~ PART I

- I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist in the Roman Catholic Church, am at least 16 years of age, and in good standing with the Catholic Church. YES_____ NO_____
- I have carefully read, understand, and consent to the guidelines for sponsors found on the reverse of this page. YES_____ NO_____
- I practice the Faith and observe the Sunday obligation by attending Mass at the Saturday Vigil or on Sunday YES_____ NO_____
- I realize the importance of my good example in encouraging the confirmand on his / her journey toward a closer relationship with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as well as with the Catholic Church and her teachings.
YES_____ NO_____
- I accept my responsibility as confirmation sponsor for:

(Confirmand's Name)

(Sponsor's Signature and Printed Name)

ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS:

PASTOR VERIFICATION FORM ~ PART 2

As of _____, I verify that the person named above is a confirmed,
(today's date)

registered, and active parishioner of _____ Parish in
(name of parish)

----- and may serve as a sponsor for confirmation.
(city, state)

----- (Pastor's Signature)

----- (Parish Address)

----- (Phone Number)