

Catholic Community of St. Charles Borromeo *Confirmation Sponsorship*

The church instituted the Sacrament of Confirmation as a part of the initiation into the life of a Christian. Each person preparing for Confirmation is accompanied by a sponsor – someone who walks the faith journey with the candidate. The sponsor should be someone that the candidate looks to for support and guidance on the faith journey.

What is a sponsor?

- A sponsor is an individual who has more experience than the candidate in their faith
- A sponsor shares the same search for the meaning of faith
- A sponsor cares deeply and takes the journey of faith seriously enough to want to walk it with the candidate

What are the requirements to be a sponsor?

- The candidate or parents or guardians choose the sponsor. In the absence of a parent or guardian, the pastor or minister of the sacrament may choose the sponsor.
- The sponsor must be at least sixteen years of age.
- The sponsor must be a Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation and “leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken.”
- The sponsor cannot be impeded by some canonical penalty.
- Ideally, the sponsor should be the same person as chosen at the time of the candidate’s baptism.
- Parents of the candidate cannot serve as sponsors.
- **All** sponsors must obtain a sponsorship certificate from your parish. Sponsors who are members of St. Charles Borromeo must present yourself to Monsignor Malovetz after one of the weekend Masses stating that you have been asked to be a confirmation sponsor for someone in our parish. Monsignor will give you a certificate. All certificates must be handed in with this form.

What does a sponsor do?

- Youth and sponsor will have a monthly assignment beginning in September of 8th grade. It will be posted on the Confirmation page at www.borromeogift.org. This assignment is to be completed monthly.
- Sponsors and candidates are encouraged to attend Mass and Reconciliation together when possible.

Please complete and return to the Religious Formation office by the summer before your 8th grade

Sponsorship Agreement

I accept the role of the Sponsor. I acknowledge that I am not a parent of the candidate. I pledge to be a companion to my candidate on this spiritual journey during Confirmation preparation and afterwards. On this journey I pray that we will both grow in our beliefs, moral vision, and sacramental life of the Catholic Church. As part of this journey, I will participate in service events, spiritual opportunities including Mass and complete the reflection sheet with my candidate. I will guide my candidate through this Confirmation journey so that he or she will be prepared to continue to be a witness to our faith and committed to the ongoing formation of being a Christian.

(Name of Confirmation Candidate)

(Name of Sponsor)

(Date)

(Address)

(Home Phone)

(Email Address)

(Sponsor's parish name and location)

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As a sponsor of this candidate, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the responsibilities of sponsorship. I sign my name below as a sign of my commitment to this candidate throughout his or her Confirmation formation. If I am unable to fulfill this commitment, I will notify the Confirmation Coordinator personally.

(Sponsor Signature)

Please complete this form and mail directly to:
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Catholic Community of Saint Charles Borromeo
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