

## St. Edward's Confirmation Sponsor's Information

### Sponsor Information

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street /Apt. No. City ZIP

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to call \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Name \_\_\_\_\_

*If the Sponsor is not a member St. Edward's Catholic Parish, he/she will have to ask his/her Catholic Parish for a Letter which should be attached to this form prior to it being submitted.*

### Role and Requirements of a Sponsor

- Be willing to support the person to be confirmed in their commitment to Christian life.
- Must know the candidate and be willing to server as a strong and long lasting Christian influence on the candidate.
- Must belong to the Catholic Church and be a fully initiated and active member, having received Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- Must attend Classes for Sponsors. (they will be announced at a later time)
- May be baptismal Godparent, thus emphasizing the relationship between baptism and Confirmation.
- Should help the candidate prepare for Confirmation.
- Need to be present when candidate presents his / her Saint.
- ***A parent may not act as a sponsor for his or her child but may "present" the child for Confirmation with another qualified person being the sponsor ( Canon 893 with reference to Canon 874, #5. )***

*Sponsor's Signature* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date* \_\_\_\_\_

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**For The Sponsor**

- **Be at your best.** If you have been chosen to be a Confirmation sponsor, congratulations! This person sees in you a profound faith commitment, finds trust and knows you are someone who will care about them and their faith. Sounds impressive, doesn't it? It's not all that complicated, but it does take time, a caring heart and a listening ear. If you're a practicing, mature Catholic, don't get too worried. Here are a few suggestions on how to be the best possible sponsor for your candidate:
  
- **Be a living model of faith.** At least a part of what this young person admires in you is your faith! If the way you practice your faith is not what it should be, "get it together," so to speak! If you honestly can't, this is understandable, but maybe you should decline the invitation to be a sponsor. Your life doesn't have to become artificially saintly, but your faith should be authentic and sincere.
  
- **Pray for your candidate and yourself.** As candidates decide to be confirmed, they need spiritual strength. Your prayers for them are important, but don't forget to pray for yourself also, that you can share why you value and practice your Catholicism. Attend Mass together, or even have the courage to come to Reconciliation together.
  
- **Give of your time and share your gifts.** Let your unique God-given talents and gifts shine! Offer a gift of spiritual significance—a new Bible, rosary or book about our faith or about the saint the candidate has chosen for a Confirmation name—but *be creative and relevant!*
  
- **Don't miss the ceremony.** Participating in the ceremony is the easiest part of being a sponsor. Your basic job will be to place your hand on your candidate's shoulder. You're there to be a support, but your role on Confirmation day is only beginning.
  
- **Don't forget this newly confirmed Catholic.** After Confirmation day, remember birthdays and this anniversary. Send a card or make a phone call. Continue to worship together, or from time to time do some Christian service together. Put those "Gifts of the Spirit" into practice.
  
- **Questions or Concerns.** Please if you have any questions or concerns call 733-3907, or come in to the parish office. We will be more than happy to answer them for you.