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Baptism / Confirmation Sponsor Requirements and Sponsor Certification

Code of Canon Law: (in part)

Can. 872 - Insofar as possible one to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who is to assist an adult in Christian initiation, or, together with the parents, to present an infant at the baptism, and who will help the baptized to lead a Christian life in harmony with baptism, and to fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it.

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

- a. be designated by the one to be baptized, 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;
- b. 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;
- c. 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; (note: "in harmony with the faith" includes having one's marriage celebrated in the Catholic Church)

Name of Child / Person to be Baptized or Confirmed : _____

Affirmation: *to be completed by the potential sponsor.*

Name and address of sponsor : _____

Sponsor's telephone number: (_____) _____

Name of sponsor's parish: _____

Print name and address of Parish: _____

By checking in the appropriate boxes and signing below, I hereby affirm, so help me God that:

1. I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Yes _____ No _____
2. I practice my Catholic faith by joining in the celebration of Sunday Mass each week according to God's commandment and participate regularly in the Eucharist, and sacramental Reconciliation. Yes _____ No _____
3. If I am married, that my marriage has been celebrated in the Catholic Church. Yes _____ No _____
or Not Married _____
4. If I have children, that they are being raised in the Catholic faith. Yes _____ No _____
or No Children _____
5. I have received the sacraments of Baptism, the Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation. Yes _____ No _____
6. I am an adult "in good standing" with the Catholic Church
and understand my role as Sponsor Yes _____ No _____
7. If I am over the age of 18 and no longer in school, I am a registered and active member of my Parish named above
Yes _____ No _____

Sponsor's Signature _____ Date: _____

Pastor / Parochial Vicar's signature: _____ Dated: _____

Printed name: _____

(parish seal)