

QUEEN OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY PARISH

599 West Center Street, Elysburg, PA 17824

PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT ENTIRELY BEFORE SIGNING

Name of Candidate _____

Cannon 872 and 874 of the Code of Canon Law lists those requirements for valid and lawful sponsorship in Confirmation:

The sponsor's role is to assist the person in Christian initiation and together with the parents present the candidate for the sacrament and help the candidate to live a life befitting a baptized Catholic Christian.

A Sponsor:

Must be mature enough to undertake this responsibility.

Must have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

Must be 16 years of age or more.

Must know the fundamental truths of the Faith and be a practicing Catholic who goes to Mass on Sunday, receives the sacraments regularly and fosters the Faith in their family.

Must be a member of the Catholic Church.

Cannot be father or mother of the candidate.

Requirements for a proxy are the same as those for a sponsor with the exception of last item

Sponsorship implies a real appreciation of the faith, a practice of the same, and a sense of responsibility toward the candidate. Please read the declaration below and complete the certificate. If you are not a member of Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish you must have this **declaration certified (PARISH SEAL)** by your own parish pastor.

I declare that I am a registered member of the parish listed below and that I fulfill the requirements of Canon Law (listed above) to be a sponsor.

SPONSOR NAME (PLEASE PRINT) _____

SPONSOR SIGNATURE _____

NAME OF SPONSOR'S PARISH _____

PARISH PHONE NUMBER _____

I CERTIFY THAT THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE IS A MEMBER OF THIS PARISH, IS A PARTICIPATING CATHOLIC AND IS ELIGIBLE TO ACT AS A SPONSOR FOR CONFIRMATION

Signature of Pastor _____

Date _____

Guidelines for Choosing THE CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

Support for candidates for the Sacraments of Initiation was an important part of such preparation in the early Church, and remains so today.

Among the significant persons in your life are your parents and godparents at your Baptism. They pledged their help and support in whatever way they could so that you would be raised to love God and neighbor.

Provided all other requirements are met, your sponsor in Confirmation should be the godparent who supported your parents at your Baptism. At that time your parents and godparents professed their faith. Then you could not speak for yourself but were baptized in the faith of the whole Church community. In Confirmation, you speak for yourself, and your sponsor verifies your growth in faith.

Ideally, your sponsor should become a lifelong friend, someone who will take more than a passing interest in you. The role of the sponsor is not merely ceremonial or honorary.

Your sponsor should be a confirmed Catholic Christian who is a person of faith, who celebrates the Eucharist, and who tries to live his/her beliefs. Your sponsor pledges to be with you on your journey. He or she should know you well so as to testify before the whole community that you are indeed someone who knows what it means to be a Catholic Christian; that you are one who takes part faithfully in the Church's worship and mission.

In Confirmation, you will make your own act of faith, and take upon yourself the full responsibility for living an active Catholic life.

Sponsors for Confirmation represent the Christian community reaching out to lead members into the Family of God. They also serve as a mentor to the candidate. Your sponsor is to be someone you can talk with, who will pray with you and for you, and who will support your belief in Jesus and your effort to live out that belief. They are asked to be a friend to you, a companion on your journey to the sacrament.

The following requirements must be met in choosing a Sponsor:

Sponsors must:

- a. be designated by the one to be confirmed;
- b. be at least 16 years of age (Recommended age 21)
- c. be a confirmed, practicing Catholic who receives the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken;
- d. not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
- e. not be the father or mother of the one to be confirmed.

Other Requirements:

- a. the sponsor can be either male or female;
- b. it is highly recommended that a Baptismal sponsor be considered
- c. needs to be someone who lives nearby, has time to spend with you, and is willing to pray for you and with you.