



Please complete this form, sign it, have your pastor sign it, and then return the signed form to:

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary & St. Leo Parishes  
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## Sponsor Certification

Circle One: Confirmation or Baptism

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have been asked to be a sponsor (godparent in the case of Baptism) for \_\_\_\_\_, who is to receive this Sacrament through Our Lady of the Holy Rosary and St Leo Parishes. It is a great honor and privilege to be chosen as a sponsor.

In accepting this responsibility, I solemnly swear that these statements are true:

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be at least sixteen years old (at the time the Sacrament will be received) and I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a registered parishioner at \_\_\_\_\_ (name of parish) and attend Mass and receive the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Penance regularly.

\_\_\_\_\_ My current marriage (if married) is blessed by the Catholic Church.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not the parent of the candidate.

\_\_\_\_\_ I realize that I assume a great responsibility before God and Church in becoming a sponsor. I promise to give support, guide and mentor the candidate by my prayers, my faithfulness in attending Mass, my lived example of the Catholic faith, and by supporting the local and worldwide mission of the Catholic Church.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Priest Certification

The above mentioned person is a registered, active parishioner of my parish and to the best of my knowledge is able to assume the responsibility he/she has agreed to accept.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor's (or delegate's) Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parish Seal

Parish Name, City and State: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION CODE OF CANON LAW

### Can 873

There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each. (Baptism)

### Can. 893

To perform the function of sponsor, a person must fulfill the conditions mentioned in Can. 874.

### Can. 874

1. To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor a person must:

- a. be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the pastor or minister and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function.
- b. have completed the sixteenth year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause;
- c. be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;
- d. not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
- e. not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.

*A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community is not to participate except together with a Catholic sponsor and then only as a witness of the baptism.*

2. It is desirable to choose as sponsor the one who undertook the same function in baptism.