

Information about Selecting your Confirmation Sponsor

As you prepare for Confirmation, you will be asked to identify a sponsor that will help you prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and help you to continue to grow in your spiritual life. In making your thoughtful selection, please keep in mind these qualifications required of all Confirmation sponsors.

What are the requirements of the Church for being a Confirmation sponsor?

- A sponsor must be someone other than the parent of the one to be confirmed. (If needed, closer to Confirmation, a proxy may be a parent who meets all other criteria.)
- A sponsor must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Penance, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
- A sponsor must be at least 16 years of age at the time of Confirmation and may be male or female regardless of the sex of the candidate.
- A sponsor must have every intention of fulfilling his or her role as a sponsor leading a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken and therefore must be a practicing Catholic, who regularly attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (unless dispensed for reasons such as health or illness) and receives the Holy Eucharist; if **married**, must be married in the Church or with the permission of the Church and if **single**, must be striving to live a chaste life and therefore cannot be living with another person in a romantic relationship or as a couple.

If the sponsor is a parishioner of *ST. MARK*, the Affidavit does **not** need to be signed by Father Peter. Just return the completed, signed Affidavit and we will verify his/her status. All other sponsors **MUST** have an Affidavit that is **signed by the Pastor** of the parish where they are registered, and the **parish seal must be affixed**.

Forms can be delivered or mailed (we must have the **ORIGINAL** for parishes other than *ST. MARK*) to:

ST. MARK Catholic Church
Attn: Religious Education – Confirmation
9970 Vale Road
Vienna, VA 22181

Confirmation Sponsor Affidavit

DUE: November 15, 2024

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

I, (your name) _____ will be the Sponsor for
the Confirmation of (Confirmation Candidate) _____

at *ST. MARK* Catholic Church in Vienna, Virginia.

According to Diocesan regulations and Canon Law, I must meet all of the following qualifications in order to be a Sponsor. (Note that **ALL BOXES MUST BE CHECKED in order to be eligible.)**

- I am a practicing Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Penance, Eucharist, Confirmation; and
- If I am **married**, my (present) marriage must be a valid Catholic marriage **OR** if I am **single**, I am not living with another person in a romantic relationship or as a couple; and
- As a practicing Catholic, I will receive Communion at the Mass; and
- I am at least 16 years old at the time of Confirmation; and
- I am **not** the mother or father of the candidate; and
- I have every intention of fulfilling my role as Sponsor.

I am an active member of (parish) _____

Catholic Church in (city and state) _____.

In accepting the role as Sponsor, I hereby testify that I meet all the requirements to be a Sponsor.

Sponsor's signature
Date:

Priest's signature (seal required below)
Date:

PARISH SEAL