



Sacred Heart Catholic Church
 5501 Monticello Rd
 Shawnee, KS 66226-3002

Sponsor Eligibility Certificate

FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF (name of candidate) _____

Son/Daughter of _____

The rules of the Church in the matter of godparents/sponsors are very clear. At least one **Catholic** sponsor/godparent is required at a Catholic baptism. The requirements for a single sponsor are from the Code of Canon Law:

Canon #872 “In the baptism of children, a godparent is to be present in order to represent the expansion of the spiritual family of the one to be baptized and the role of the Church as a mother. **As occasion offers, the godparent helps the parents to lead the child to profess the faith and to show this by living it.**”

Canon #874 “To be admitted to the role of sponsor (godparent), a person must be able to profess with the parents the church’s faith when the child is being baptized and be able to help the parents as necessary to bring up the child as a good Christian; have completed the sixteenth year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or an exception is made for a special reason; **be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and leads a life of faith in keeping with the role of the sponsor**; not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared; not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.”

Canon #893 “To perform the function of sponsor, a person must fulfill the conditions mentioned in canon #874”

I HEREBY AFFIRM my faith in Jesus Christ, and my fidelity to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

I HEREBY AFFIRM that I practice my Catholic faith my regularly joining in the celebration of Sunday Mass and reception of Holy Eucharist.

IF MARRIED, my marriage has been celebrated in the Catholic Church OR is recognized as valid by the Catholic Church.

IF I HAVE CHILDREN, my children are being raised in the Catholic faith.

I AFFIRM that I am a REGISTERED member of _____ Church,

in _____ and fulfill obligations to my parish to the best of my ability.
 (City and State)

I AFFIRM that I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation.

I DO, therefore solemnly affirm that I meet all the necessary requirements to act as confirmation sponsor.

 Sponsor name-printed

 Sponsor name-signature

 Date

 Signature of Sponsor’s Pastor or Pastoral Associate

Parish Seal of Sponsor’s Parish here
 (required)

Please also include your mailing address to that you can receive further information about our upcoming meetings:

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Email Address