

SELECTING A SPONSOR

In preparation for Confirmation you are asked to choose a sponsor--"a spiritual friend"--to help you take this important step. A sponsor should be someone with whom you can easily talk; someone who models the Catholic faith for you. It is important to select a sponsor who is an example of faith and who you are able to communicate with. If they are not local, you'll need to be able to ensure that they can be in communication with you and willing to be a part of your life, as well as someone who will work through the Sponsor activities with you that will be provided to them. If your sponsor is not in the local area, a confirmed adult must work with you as a proxy.

Requirements for being a sponsor:

- May not be one of the candidate's parents (Code of Canon states that a parent cannot be the sponsor for their own child for Confirmation).
- Must be 16 years or older at the time of the Confirmation Mass.
- Must have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation)
- Must be a practicing Catholic who faithfully attends Mass on Sundays and all Holy Days, and leading a life based on Catholic Moral Principles.
- If married, they must have been married in the Catholic Church.

The Sponsor Certificate is on the next page. Please encourage your child to prayerfully discern who they would like to have as their Confirmation sponsor. If they are unable to attend the Confirmation ceremony, another adult may stand in as their proxy.

Sponsor Certificates are not required if the sponsor is a parishioner at St. Luke. If the sponsor is a St. Luke parishioner, please send their name to pslusser@saintlukemclean.org by March 1, 2023.

The Sponsor Certificate/Name of the Sponsor should be returned to the Religious Education Office by March 1, 2023.

St. Luke Catholic Church
Religious Education Office
7001 Georgetown Pike McLean, Virginia 22101
Phone 703-356-8419

SPONSOR CERTIFICATE FOR CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Candidate's Name _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR A SPONSOR

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- If married, I was married in the Catholic Church.

I, _____, affirm I fully meet the above eligibility
Sponsor's Printed Name
requirements in order to stand as Sponsor for the above-named Candidate.

Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Home Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

Contact Phone Number: _____

Full home parish name and address: _____

Priest/Deacon Signature of Sponsor's Home Parish

Seal of the Sponsor's Home Parish

Date

Please return to St. Luke Catholic Church Religious Education Office 7001 Georgetown Pike McLean, VA 22101