

***ST. MONICA PARISH
CONFIRMATION SPONSOR FORM***

CCD Students –
Due Sunday, November 11, 2018
(Turn in to Anne Fackler during CCD)

**St. Monica School Students, Homeschoolers, &
St. Augustine School Students –**
Due Tuesday, November 13, 2018
(Turn in to Anne Fackler at parish office)

Candidate's Name _____

Candidate's Confirmation (saint) Name _____
(Use the name of the saint from your saint report)

Sponsor's Name _____

Sponsor's Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Sponsor's Phone (home) _____ (work) _____

Sponsor's Date of Birth _____

Sponsor's Home Parish _____
(Parish Name, City, State)

Is the sponsor related to the candidate? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what is relationship? _____

Is the sponsor the candidate's Baptismal godparent? Yes _____ No _____

Does your sponsor meet the requirements as described in the *How to Choose your
Sponsor Instructions*? Yes _____ No _____

Is he/she available to attend both Confirmation and the practice? Yes _____ No _____

NO SPONSOR FORMS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO DEACON LUCAS!!

HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR SPONSOR

—The Catechism states—”Candidates for Confirmation, as for Baptism, fittingly seek the spiritual help of a sponsor. To emphasize the unity of the two sacraments, it is appropriate that this be one of the baptismal godparents.” (CCC 1311)

While it is not required to use one of your baptismal godparents you are certainly invited to do so. A sponsor for Confirmation must be at least 18 years of age and in good standing with the Catholic Church. That is to say, they are a Confirmed Catholic and follow the precepts of the Church. **Parents may not be sponsors**, while any other relative who meets the other requirements would be fine.

As you choose someone to sponsor you it might be helpful to think about the following:

- A sponsor is someone who takes their faith seriously and strives to live their faith in all aspects of their lives.
- Your sponsor should empower you to live your faith and to be a link for you in the different ministries of the church.
- Your sponsor should be someone you feel comfortable sharing aspects of your faith, asking questions, and working together to continue to learn about the church and teachings.

Where this individual lives should have a tremendous bearing on your decision. Not only will your sponsor need to meet with you as you prepare for this sacrament, but the 2 of you will need to complete a rather large Sponsor Activity Packet. They will also need to come to practice **and** Confirmation in the same week. If they live even 2 hours away, it could be next to impossible for them.

If you decide to pick someone from out of town, please be prepared for all these complications and read the “Date Complication and Proxy Information Sheet” on the other side of this form.

Mass Date Complication and Proxy Information Sheet

The date we choose for Confirmation is always tentative. If the bishop's secretary is unable to work out the details, we will need to change our date. Please know I will communicate with you as soon as I have been given a final answer from the bishop.

Because Easter is so late this year, we are forced to use a weekday for our Confirmation Mass. When we are unable to use a weekend, I like to encourage all of you to seriously consider choosing a sponsor who lives less than 30 minutes away. If after much deliberation you find that you must choose a sponsor from out of town, I want to fully explain the process of using a proxy.

All sponsors must attend **both** the Mass and practice with you. If we have our Mass on Monday as planned, our practice will be on Sunday afternoon. No matter how we look at it, your sponsor will have to attend on both a weekend and a weekday in the same week. This means your sponsor will have to travel back and forth from several hours away 2 times in the same week or be forced to take time away from their job. This could prove very inconvenient or even impossible for them.

Is there a better option? Absolutely! You may use a proxy. This is how it works. Choose your sponsor and have them complete the Sponsor Packet with you as you prepare just as usual. However, when it comes to the Mass and practice, one of your confirmed Catholic parents (or another Confirmed Catholic adult) can step in for them. Your sponsor is still your sponsor and their name will always appear on all official paperwork as such, they just will not stand up for you at the Mass; your proxy will.

If you need to use a proxy, please be sure to make note of it on your sponsor data form and contact Anne Fackler at 345-1658. Thank you.