



Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Community

A Ministry of the Paulist Fathers

CERTIFICATION FOR GODPARENTS/SPONSORS for CONFIRMATION

Name of Teen Candidate to be confirmed (print full legal name):

QUALIFICATIONS

Godparents/sponsors not only serve as witnesses at the ceremony of Baptism and/or Confirmation but also assist the person in leading a Christian life. Therefore, Church law requires that godparents/sponsors be people who are living the Catholic faith and meet the following qualifications (Code of Canon Law, canons 872-874):

1. They should ordinarily be at least 16 years of age.
2. They must be Catholics who have received Baptism, Confirmation, & first Holy Communion.
3. They must lead a life in harmony with the Catholic faith.
4. If they are married, they must be married in the Catholic Church.
5. Parents of the person being initiated may not serve as godparents/sponsors.

I hereby declare before God that I meet the above qualifications. I also promise to assist the person being initiated in living the Christian life as a faithful Catholic.

Godparent/sponsor signature: _____ Date: _____

Godparent/sponsor name (print):

Name of Godparent/sponsor Catholic parish:

Godparent/sponsor city:

Godparent/sponsor state or country:

Godparent/sponsor email:

Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here.

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*This form is to be completed by sponsors. Completion of this form is necessary for Year 1 confirmation candidates to proceed to Year 2. Scanned versions are permitted. **No photographs or photocopies permitted.** Signed original documents, signed, and scanned documents in PDF format, or certified digitally signed PDFs are the three acceptable formats. If these cannot be provided, please contact Jennifer Kozakowski at jkozakowski@sp-apostle.org. **DUE NOVEMBER 1, 2026.***

Notes:

- ⦿ **Not qualified?** Please speak to Jennifer Kozakowski as soon as possible.
- ⦿ **Christian Witnesses for Baptism:** Someone validly baptized in a non-Catholic ecclesial community may serve as a Christian witness to the ceremony, along with the Catholic sponsor. This form is not required for Christian witnesses. (Baptized Catholics who no longer practice their faith or who have joined another ecclesial community may not serve as Christian witnesses.)
- ⦿ **Orthodox Christians:** Orthodox Christians may not serve as sole godparents/sponsors but may serve as a sole proxy. They can be a Christian witness (per above) along with a qualified Catholic sponsor.
- ⦿ **Proxies:** If the godparent/sponsor cannot be present for the ceremony, a proxy may stand in as a witness at the ceremony. Parents may serve as a proxy. This form is not required for proxies, but the sponsor must still complete the form.