

CANDIDATE'S SPONSOR INFORMATION

Please complete the following information and return this form to Maureen Billa, Pastoral Associate, by **September 21, 2015**.

Candidate's Name _____
first last (Jr., II, etc.)

Date of Birth _____ Confirmation Name _____

SPONSORS

What is the criteria for a Confirmation sponsor?

- ❖ A sponsor needs to be actively practicing their **catholic faith**.
- ❖ A sponsor needs to be at least 16 years of age and fully initiated through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- ❖ A sponsor may be the same as the Candidate's baptismal godparent. This is an encouraged practice. As the godparent was present when the child was baptized into the faith, they can now witness to and support the young adult as he/she commits to the responsibility of their own faith journey.
- ❖ A sponsor may be male or female. (A male Candidate does not necessarily have to have a male sponsor and vice versa.)
- ❖ A person may be a sponsor by proxy. If they are unable to attend the ceremony, someone may stand in for them.
- ❖ Parents may NOT be sponsors, but they may be a proxy.

After careful and prayerful consideration, please enter your sponsor information on the bottom of the Candidate Information sheet. Your signature is also required at the bottom of the form indicating that you have chosen in good conscience a person qualified to be a sponsor.

Sponsor's Name _____
(full name - as it will appear on all sacramental records)

_____ street City and State

Sponsor's Relationship to the Candidate _____
(Godparent, cousin, aunt, uncle, family friend etc.)

Sponsor's Parish _____
Name of Parish City and State

**Your sponsor must contact their home parish and have their parish send a sponsor certificate to
Maureen Billa, Church of St. Mary, 163 Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer, NY 12144**

ALL SPONSOR CERTIFICATES MUST BE IN BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

If your sponsor is a registered parishioner at the Church of St. Mary, they do not need to contact the parish, however you still need to complete this form.

I have read the information regarding the qualifications for a Confirmation sponsor. I have, in good conscience, chosen a person as my sponsor who meets the criteria.

Candidate's signature