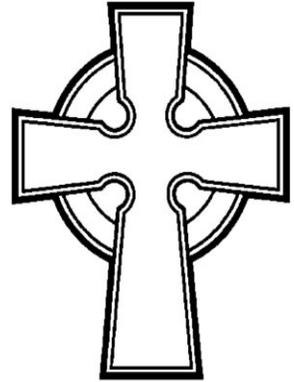


## *Holy Family Cathedral Confirmation Sponsor Form*

Dear sponsor, you have been selected by a Catholic seeking confirmation to act as a support, advisor, and vital link to the Church's life, teaching, and practice. So you are aware of the duties of sponsor, and so Holy Family Cathedral can ensure reliable supports for its candidates, please review and fill out this form, and return it to us in a timely manner (you may want to make an additional copy to save for your own reference). If you have any questions, please call the Catechetical Programs Director at Holy Family Cathedral.



*Mailing Address:* Holy Family Cathedral  
Attn: Catechetical Programs Director  
811 West 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Anchorage, AK 99501

*Ph:* (907) 646-3025  
*Fax:* (907) 258-9785

### Qualifications for Sponsorship (cf. *Code of Canon Law*, 892-3)

- must be designated by the candidate
- must be 16 years of age or older
- must be a confirmed Catholic who has received 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion
- must lead a life in conformity with the Church's faith and teaching
- must be "in good standing" with the church, that is, not under any canonical penalty
  - if married, was married according to the norms of the Catholic Church
  - has not divorced and remarried without an annulment
- cannot be the parent or spouse of the candidate

### Responsibilities of the Sponsor

*In general, the sponsor acts as a resource for the candidate in living and growing in a life of faith. From the time the candidate enters his/her process, and continuing after the sacrament is received, the sponsor is to "take care that the confirmed person behaves a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations inherent in this sacrament" (Code of Canon Law, 892).*

Attendance at the sacramental ceremony is generally expected; if the sponsor is unable to attend the ceremony for some reason, he/she should assist in ensuring a proxy is found. Other duties and suggestions include:

- Praying for the candidate
- Attending Mass with the candidate
- Sharing the faith and the riches of Catholic tradition
- Introducing the candidate to parish life, e.g. available study groups and ministries
- Attending special parish events with the candidate
- Attending Confirmation rehearsal, and/or other special preparation events
- Giving spiritual support and/or guidance to the candidate



***Sponsor Information:***

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you attend Holy Family Cathedral, and if so, are you a registered member? If not, where do you currently attend Mass? \_\_\_\_\_

You will need to provide a current copy of your Baptism certificate including all annotations before you can be validated as a sponsor.

I verify that I am a confirmed Catholic at least 16 years of age and that I am in good standing with the Catholic Church. I attend Sunday Mass and receive the sacraments regularly, and have no impediment that would prevent me from serving as sponsor.

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*Sponsor's Signature and Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

***If you do not attend Holy Family Cathedral, we will need a written and signed statement from your parish that you are in good standing with the Church and are able to be a sponsor. Please attach this statement and return with this form.***

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Baptism certificate received \_\_\_\_\_ Parish membership verified \_\_\_\_\_

Parish letter received if required \_\_\_\_\_