

Sponsor Involvement Requirements

Your sponsor will present you to the Bishop or Celebrant when you step forward to be confirmed. You are encouraged to choose one of your Baptismal Godparents for this role. If that is not possible, choose someone whom you and your parents consider to be a role model for living the Catholic faith. The requirements for Confirmation Sponsorship are listed below.

Sponsors must meet the following requirements:

1. A sponsor must be a Catholic who actively practices the faith.
2. A sponsor must be at least 16 years old and already Confirmed.
3. If married, the marriage must be valid according to Church law.
4. A sponsor may not be a parent of the candidate.
5. A sponsor need not be the same gender as the candidate.

Can. 892 – As far as possible the person to be confirmed is to have a sponsor. The sponsor's function is to take care that the person confirmed behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfils the duties inherent in this sacrament.

Can 893 - A person who would undertake the office of sponsor must fulfill the conditions mentioned in Can. 874, which reads:

- To be admitted to undertake the office of sponsor, a person must: be appointed by the candidate for baptism, or by the parents or whoever stands in their place, or failing these, by the parish priest or the minister; to be appointed the person must be suitable for this role and have the intention of fulfilling it;
- Be not less than sixteen years of age, unless a different age has been stipulated by the diocesan Bishop, or unless the parish priest or the minister considers that there is a just reason for an exception to be made;
- Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has received the blessed Eucharist, and who lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken;
- Not labor under a canonical penalty, whether imposed or declared;
- Not be either the father or mother of the person to be Confirmed.
- A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may be admitted only in company with a catholic sponsor, and then simply as a witness to the Confirmation.

Please mail completed form to:

St. Bede Catholic Church

Attn: Youth Ministry

3686 Ironbound Rd

Williamsburg, VA 23188

Sponsor Certificate of Eligibility Form

(To be signed & sealed by Sponsor's Pastor, unless sponsor is member of St. Bede)

Name of person seeking to be Confirmed:

(First)

(Middle)

(Last)

Confirmation name (Saint's name): _____

Sponsor Information

The sponsor for any candidate may be male or female and is to be a sufficiently mature and fully initiated Catholic (meaning has received Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, & Eucharist); living a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken. A Baptismal God-Parent is preferred as the Confirmation Sponsor, in order to emphasize the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation. By Diocesan regulations, mothers and fathers are not permitted to be Confirmation Sponsors. The Sponsor should be a practicing sacramental member of the church and a registered member of a Catholic parish community.

Sponsor's Name: _____

(First)

(Middle)

(Last)

Relationship to Confirmand: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

(Street #) (Street Name) (Apt #)

_____ Email: _____

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Sponsor's Parish : _____

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

Parish Phone # _____

Sponsor must *initial* the statements below and sign their signature at the end.

If from another parish other than St. Bede, the Pastor must sign this statement with his signature and provide the Parish Church Seal for validity.

_____ I am at least 16 years of age.

_____ I have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, & Eucharist).

_____ Is the Sponsor married? (Yes / No)

_____ If married, I am married within the Catholic Church.

_____ I am a practicing Catholic(s) and lead a life in harmony with the Faith.

I will give support to the above-mentioned Confirmand by my continued interest in his/her Catholic growth, by my prayers for him/her, and by the Christian example of my life

Sponsor's Signature

Pastor's Signature & Church Seal

Date _____

Date _____