

**This Sponsor Declaration must be completed
and returned by December 1, 2017.**

It is the Sponsor's responsibility to have the Sponsor Declaration signed by their pastor and stamped with their Church seal.

Sponsor Declaration

In the name of The Lord – Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

I do affirm and declare that I fulfill the qualifications listed and consider myself to be qualified to act as a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

I promise to do all in my power to continue to be an example of good Christ-centered living to my candidate for whom I am acting as sponsor, and to my sisters and brothers in Christ and to all people.

(Signature of Sponsor)

(Sponsor's name — please print)

(Relationship to Candidate)

Sponsor Declaration

(Sponsor's Name – please print)

(Sponsor's street address)

(Sponsor's city, state and zip code)

(Sponsor's phone number)

(Name of Sponsor's Church)

(Church street address)

(Church city, state and zip code)

(Pastor's Signature)

(Date)

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St. Thomas the Apostle Church

One St. Thomas Plaza
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

*I am a
Confirmation
Sponsor for*

Candidate's Name



St. Thomas the Apostle Website:

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Church #732-251-4000

PREP #732-251-1660

Congratulations on being chosen to be a Confirmation Sponsor

The role of a Sponsor is a role of support in the Catholic faith journey of the person in whose celebration of Confirmation you will take part. The Sponsor must be willing to help their Confirmation candidate live a Christian life and present the candidate at Confirmation to be sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The Catholic Church expects that a Sponsor can be a real example of Catholic faith. So please ask yourself “Can I truthfully say that I am living my Catholic faith to the best of my ability?”

The role of a Sponsor does not demand you be a Saint. All of us have the need of God’s mercy as we have miles to go on our Christian faith journey. It often happens that we are asked to act as a Sponsor even though we may not be actively practicing our faith. If you are in a similar situation, we invite you to let this moment be a real opportunity to grow in your faith. You could sit down with a priest, deacon or practicing Catholic family member to help you renew your own faith commitment.

Sponsor Qualifications

As a sponsor you must meet the following qualifications in keeping with Canon Law of the Catholic Church.

- * **I am** at least 16 years of age and I am actively practicing my faith.
- * **I am** baptized in the eyes of the Catholic Church and have received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation in the Catholic Church.
- * **I am** a Catholic in good standing who practices the Catholic faith to the best of my ability.
- * **I am** a registered member of a parish and attend Mass and receive the Eucharist weekly.
- * **If married**, it is a valid marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.
- * **I am not** the parent of the candidate receiving Confirmation.
- * **I will** attend the Confirmation Liturgy and present my candidate at the time of Confirmation.

Sponsor ‘s Prayer

***God of all ages, you send out your Spirit
to touch the hearts of people
so that they may believe in you
and in Jesus, whom you sent.***

***Look kindly on all candidates
as they listen to your voice.***

***Open their hearts to your Spirit
and bring to fulfillment***

the good work you have begun in them.

***As I reach out to welcome my candidate,
make me an instrument of your love.***

***Teach me to reverence what is holy in others
and to be patient with what I do not understand.***

***Deepen my faith in the Gospel
and help me to pass it on by good example.***

***With those who are hesitant or afraid,
let me be a source of encouragement.***

***And with those who are weak,
Let me be a pillar of strength.***

***I humbly accept the ministry of sponsor
and pray that you will continue to guide me.***

I praise you through Christ our Lord. Amen.
