

# RCIA CONFIRMATION SPONSOR INFORMATION FORM

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

## Sponsor Information

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Sponsor's Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not a registered member of St. Callistus Church a letter from the pastor of your parish attesting to your ability to be a sponsor for the sacrament of Confirmation is **required**. This letter must arrive in our church office **no later than October 27, 2024** or turned in with application by October 27, 2024.

To be a sponsor, I realize that I must:

1. Be an active, practicing Catholic
2. Not be one of the candidate's parents
3. Be at least 18 years of age
4. Have received the sacrament of Confirmation
5. Be receiving the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist frequently.
6. Be married in the Catholic Church, if married.
7. Plan to maintain an ongoing relationship with the candidate in order to promote the candidate's lifelong spiritual growth.

**Relationship to Candidate:** \_\_\_\_\_

I declare that I am living such a life and that I will be a long term spiritual guide and mentor for my candidate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Sponsor's signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

## SPONSOR ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND SELECTION

The sponsor is an invaluable assistant to the candidate in growing in the faith and must be able to fulfill several requirements:

- ✝ **Requirement Summary:** The Diocese of Oakland requires that the sponsor be an active, practicing Catholic; is at least 18 years of age, has already received the sacrament of Confirmation; is not a parent of the candidate, and, if married, is married in the Catholic Church. The Church recognizes that a person cannot transmit what the person does not have. Candidates are to choose only one sponsor.
- ✝ **Baptismal Sponsor.** *“It is desirable that the one who undertook the role of sponsor at baptism be sponsor for Confirmation”* (CCL 893.2). However, another qualified sponsor may be chosen.
- ✝ **Relationship.** The sponsor should be a person who already has a trusting relationship of some sort with the candidate, an older friend or relative (not a parent) in whom the candidate can confide. The sponsor is expected to maintain an ongoing relationship with the candidate in order to support the candidate’s lifelong spiritual growth.
- ✝ **Maturity.** It is important that the sponsor be more mature, more informed, and more experienced in the ways of our faith and culture than the candidate is. It is recommended that the sponsor be an older person who has some experience with his or her own faith, hence a clearer perspective from which to speak.
- ✝ **General Characteristics.** The sponsor needs to be an open, honest, caring, committed and encouraging person who will help the candidate grow in his or her understanding of the faith as he/she comes to a deeper appreciation of God in his or her life.
- ✝ **Knowledge of Readiness.** The sponsor should have good knowledge of the candidate’s readiness for reception of the Sacrament so as to testify on the candidate’s behalf.