

Church of St. Mark

812 Reckord Rd.
Fallston, MD 21047

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR FORM

(To be filled out by Sponsor – Please Print)

SPONSOR NAME _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

NAME OF PERSON TO BE CONFIRMED: _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

SPONSOR ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE/COUNTRY _____ ZIPCODE _____

SPONSOR EMAIL _____

SPONSOR PHONE # _____

I am a practicing Catholic in both word and deed: Yes No

I am at least 16 years of age and a fully initiated Catholic (I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) Yes No

STATEMENT OF INTENT BY SPONSOR:

I understand and accept the role, which I undertake as a sponsor and I promise to guide _____ in his/her efforts to live a Catholic life that reflects the spirit and teaching of the Roman Catholic Church, and I am prepared to assist his/her parents in their duty by my support, encouragement, and prayer.

Sponsor Signature

Relation To Confirmation Candidate

Name of home parish: _____

Parish Street Address: _____

City _____ State/ Country: _____ Zip Code: _____

(Arch) Diocese: _____ I am a registered parishioner: Yes No

Name of Pastor/ Parish Representative: _____

Pastors/Parish Representatives must ascertain the spiritual qualifications of sponsors. The sponsor for any candidate for Baptism may be male or female and is to be sufficiently mature, a practicing Catholic, who has him/herself been confirmed and has not been prohibited from exercising the role of sponsor. This person is an active witness of the Catholic faith in both word and deed, and is able to perform the duties of a Sponsor.

Pastor/Parish Representative's Signature Date: ____/____/____

Please Affix Church Seal

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From The Code of Canon Law

Excerpts From Chapter III, “To Those Baptized” and
Chapter IV, “Sponsors” for Baptism and Confirmation

Can. 868

§1. For the licit baptism of an infant it is necessary that:

- 1° the parents or at least one of them or the person who lawfully takes their place gives consent;
- 2° there be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion; if such a hope is altogether lacking, the baptism is to be put off according to the prescriptions of particular law and the parents are to be informed of the reason.

Can. 872

Insofar as possible one to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who is to assist an adult in Christian initiation, or, together with the parents, to present an infant at the baptism, and who will help the baptized to lead a Christian life in harmony with baptism, and to fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it.

Can. 873

Only one male or one female sponsor or one of each sex is to be employed.

Can. 874

§1. To be admitted to the role of sponsor, a person must:

- 1° be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the one who takes their place or, in their absence, by the pastor or minister and is to have the qualifications and intention of performing this role;
- 2° have completed the sixteenth year, unless a different age has been established by the diocesan bishop or it seems to the pastor or minister that an exception is to be made for a just cause;
- 3° be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken;
- 4° not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
- 5° not be the father or the mother of the one to be baptized.

§2. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may not be admitted except as a witness to baptism and together with a Catholic sponsor.

Can. 892

As far as possible a sponsor for the one to be confirmed should be present; it is for the sponsor to see that the confirmed person acts as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations connected with this sacrament.

Can. 893

§1. To perform the role of sponsor, it is necessary that a person fulfill the conditions mentioned in Can. 874.

§2. It is desirable that the one who undertook the role of sponsor at baptism be sponsor for confirmation.