

# Sponsor Form Instructions

1. The Sponsor must complete the top part of the form.
2. The Sponsor should call their parish rectory to set up an appointment with a priest or deacon at their parish so that the bottom part of the form can be completed.
3. The Sponsor should take the form with them to the appointment. The form must be signed by the Sponsor in the presence of the priest or deacon. After the Sponsor has signed, the priest or deacon will sign and seal the form.
4. The Sponsor or Candidate should return the form to the St. Michael's Religious Education Office. The address and telephone number are on the form.

## REQUIREMENTS TO BE A SPONSOR:

- Must be at least 16 years of age
- Cannot be a parent of the candidate.
- Must have received all three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation).
- Must be a practicing Catholic.
- Must not be prohibited by Canon Law from acting as a Sponsor, (i.e.: if married, the marriage must be valid in the Catholic Church).
- Must be able to validly receive Communion at the Solemn Confirmation Mass, or (for RCIA/RCIC sponsors) at the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

## PROXY SPONSORS

In the event that the Sponsor cannot attend the Confirmation Ceremony, a proxy can be designated to act in the place of the Sponsor. The Proxy Sponsor must meet the qualifications outlined above.

- A parent can act as a proxy for a Sponsor.
- NOTE: A proxy sponsor must also complete a Sponsor Form.