

*St. Anthony of Padua, East Northport, NY*

*Assignment #5*

*Due no later than March 6, 2018 at the Sponsor Meeting*

**The Requirements of Sponsor**

The role of *sponsor* is an important one for the sacrament of Confirmation. The Church sees the *sponsor* as a fully-initiated Catholic who supports the one receiving the sacrament with example and instruction. Because of the seriousness of this ministry, the Church has the following requirements:

- The sponsor must be a fully-initiated member of the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
- The sponsor must be at least sixteen (16) years of age.
- The sponsor must have an active life of faith in the Church and provide good example.
  - Someone married outside the Church is not able to receive Communion and is not able to be a sponsor.
  - Also, a Catholic who has left the Church is not able to be a sponsor.
  - Therefore, a Catholic who has left the Catholic Church cannot be a sponsor if they join another Christian communion.
- The sponsor cannot be either parent.

**All completed Sponsor Forms are due at Sponsor Meeting  
on Tuesday March 6, 2018.**

**St. Anthony of Padua**  
**Directions for Completing the Sponsor Form**

All incomplete Sponsor Forms will be sent back and marked incomplete and late. Confirmation cannot occur unless this form is returned completely filled out as indicated below.

1. If your Confirmation Sponsor is from this Parish, please write St. Anthony of Padua on the Sponsor's Parish line on the bottom left. The form must also be dated and signed by the Sponsor on the bottom right where indicated. Also print the Sponsor's name at the top where indicated and print the relationship to the Confirmation Candidate. The Confirmation Candidate must print his/her name on the space provided. Fr. Joe will sign the forms at a later date. The Sponsor and the Confirmation Candidate will then submit the completed form upon arrival at the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting when they check in at the doors of the church. As of now we do not have a date for Confirmation from the Diocese.
2. If your Confirmation Sponsor is from another parish, the sponsor should download our Sponsor Form from our website at, [www.saintanthonyofpadua.org](http://www.saintanthonyofpadua.org) click the Religious Education picture on the right, click Confirmation Sponsor Form in the blue box on the right, scroll down to print the Sponsor Form. The Sponsor must bring the Sponsor Form to their parish church and sign the Sponsor Form in the presence of their pastor. Their pastor must sign the form where indicated on the bottom right and stamp it with the Parish Seal where indicated at the bottom left. The Sponsor Form will not be accepted without this Parish Seal. Their Parish Name must also be included on the line indicated Sponsor's Parish at the bottom left. The Sponsor and the Confirmation Candidate will then submit the completed form upon arrival at the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting when they check in at the doors of the church. As of now we do not have a date for Confirmation from the Diocese.
3. If the Confirmation Sponsor cannot make the meeting, a parent should attend the meeting in the Sponsor's place along with their Confirmation Candidate and bring with them the signed Sponsor Form completely filled out.
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**DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE**  
**TESTIMONY OF DESIGNATED SPONSOR**

*The role of sponsor is an important one for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Today some may see the role as honorary, but the Church sees the sponsor as a fully-initiated Catholic who actively supports the newly Confirmed by good example and instruction in the Christian life.*

*In order to be admitted to the role of sponsor, the law of the Church directs that a person must be designated specifically by the individual who is to be confirmed. To be a sponsor, a person must be a Baptized Catholic, at least sixteen years of age, and have already received the Sacraments of the Most Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. In addition, he or she must be leading a life in harmony with the faith and not be bound by a canonical penalty.*

***This form must be signed by the sponsor in the presence of the sponsor's Pastor or his delegate. The Pastor/Delegate signs the form as a witness. Form must also be stamped with the Parish Seal of the sponsor's parish.***

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print Sponsor's Full Name)

\_\_\_\_\_, declare that I have been chosen to act  
(Relationship to Confirmation Candidate – ex. aunt, cousin, family friend)

as a sponsor for \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print Confirmation Candidate's Full Name)

who is to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during the fall of 2018 at the Church of St. Anthony of Padua, East Northport, New York.

In assuming this responsibility, I testify that:

- **I am at least sixteen years of age.**
- **I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.**
- **I am living a life in harmony with the teachings of the Catholic Church in faith and morals.**

Understanding the role of sponsor as prescribed by the Church and aware of the obligations and responsibilities of this role, I attest that I am willing and able to accept the role of sponsor in the Catholic Church.

By my signature, I solemnly swear that I fulfill all of the requirements to be a sponsor as described above. I attest to the truth of this statement, so help me God.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Designated Sponsor's Signature

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

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Pastor/Delegate's Signature

