



STATEMENT OF GOOD STANDING FOR CONFIRMATION SPONSORS

This is to certify that I,

_____ (Sponsor's Name)

_____ (Name of the Sponsor's Parish)

accept the invitation to be a Sponsor at the Confirmation of

_____ (Name of the one to be Confirmed)

of St. Magdalen de Pazzi Church

	<i>I affirm that I am a Baptized, Confirmed and practicing Catholic, in good standing in the Church.</i>
	<i>If married, my marriage is recognized by the Catholic Church.</i>
	<i>I understand that I am acting as a witness to the public acceptance of the Catholic faith by this candidate.</i>
	<i>I agree to act as a guide and advisor to this candidate, most especially by my own example and witness.</i>
	<i>I further agree to provide for this candidate's religious training when circumstances require it.</i>

Signature of Sponsor _____ Date _____

Priest's Certification: This is to certify that _____
(Name of Sponsor)

Is in good standing in this parish, and that he/she meets the above requirements for sponsorship at Confirmation.

(Signed) Rev. _____

**PARISH
SEAL**

Date _____

Parish _____

City & State _____



CHOOSING A SPONSOR FOR CONFIRMATION

Your child must choose a practicing Catholic who has already received the Sacrament of Confirmation and who meets the requirements below. Since parents have the primary role in raising their children in the Catholic faith, a parent **may not** be a Sponsor or a proxy.

The Statement of Good Standing

- This may be a lengthy process so please begin immediately!
- Sponsors should complete the attached form and provide it to the church where he/she is a registered member. Sponsors should request a signature and parish seal from the Pastor of their church.
- If the **Sponsor is a registered member of St. Magdalen's Church**, please have your child's sponsor sign the form and our religious education office will take care of securing the pastor's signature and parish seal.

Sponsor Requirements

- because of the deep connection between the two sacraments, the Church recommends that the candidate's baptismal godparents be considered as Confirmation sponsors¹
- must be fully initiated in the Catholic Church, having received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation
- must be **at least** 14 years of age, sufficiently mature in his/her faith commitment and be actively expressing it through the sacramental life of the Church:
 - should be consistently attending weekly Mass for **at least** six months prior to acting as Sponsor
 - should be receiving the sacrament of reconciliation **as often as needed**
- must be reasonably informed on current Church teachings
- must be equipped to support the candidate on his/her faith journey and share his/her own faith with the candidate
- if married, marriage must be recognized in the Catholic Church
- **must present a Statement of Good Standing from the pastor of his/her parish church stating that he/she is a practicing Catholic**

Sponsor Responsibilities

- help the confirmed person fulfill his/her baptismal promises faithfully, under the influence of the Holy Spirit
- assist the candidate in the preparation for the sacrament to integrate the teachings of Jesus Christ into his/her daily life
- encourage the candidate by growing in a faith relationship
- accompany the candidate and present him/her to the Bishop at Confirmation

¹Code of Canon Law 893.