TESTIMONY OF DESIGNATED SPONSOR FOR SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

Sponsors serve an important function for those receiving the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Sponsors are not honorary titles; rather, they are fully initiated Catholics who actively support the newly baptized and confirmed by giving good example and instruction in the life of the Catholic faith.

Given the seriousness of the role a sponsor plays in the life of a newly baptized or confirmed Catholic, the ecclesial laws of the Church require that specific qualifications be met. As a potential sponsor, please provide the information requested below:

Baptism or Confirmation? _____Baptism _____Confirmation Date of Sacrament:_____

Sponsor Information
Sponsor's Name:
Sponsor's Address:
City, State, Zip:
Sponsor's Phone:
Sponsor's Email:
Name of Sponsor's Parish:
Address of Sponsor's Parish:
Name of Baptism/Confirmation Candidate:
Relationship to the Sponsor:
Name of Church where the Sacrament will be celebrated:
Address where the Sacrament will be celebrated:

Please affirm the following canonical requirements necessary to be a sponsor by acknowledging each statement as true with your initials:

	I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion (*please provide copies of the sacramental certificates).*
	I am currently an active, practicing Catholic.
	I will be at least sixteen years of age when the Sacrament is celebrated *(If not, please ask your pastor to seek a dispensation from the Chancellor's Office).*
	I am free from all canonical sanctions *(such as excommunication, apostacy, or schism).*
	I am not the biological father or biological mother of the candidate.
	I am currently living a life of faith that is in harmony with the teachings of the Catholic Church and befits the role I will undertake as sponsor.
	For Married Catholics: I am validly married according to the laws of the Catholic Church.

By my signature, I solemnly swear before Almighty God that I fulfill all of the requirements described above, and I attest that I am willing and able to accept the role of sponsor in the Roman Catholic Church.

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Signature of Intended Sponsor Date

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