

HOLY ANGELS
Confirmation Preparation

SPONSOR SELECTION FORM

CANDIDATE NAME: _____

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR: _____

SPONSOR ADDRESS: _____

Street

City

State

Zip Code

SPONSOR PHONE: _____

Area Code

Number

SPONSOR E-MAIL: _____

Make your selection *ONLY AFTER* reviewing the Church guidelines for sponsors included in this mailing.

Return this Sponsor Information Form to the Parish Office by Sept. 3. A mailing and a Confirmation calendar will be sent to sponsors by September 15.

Our Confirmation Sponsor training session will be on a Tuesday in October, from 7 to 9 pm, in the Faith Formation Center (corner of Jefferson and Jackson Sts.). Please refer to your calendar for the exact date and let your sponsor know of this meeting. If the sponsor lives at a distance and cannot make this meeting, a parent may attend and inform the sponsor.

(See back of this form for sponsor responsibilities and qualifications)

SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS

Canon 892 (Responsibility of Sponsors)

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.

Apostolic Constitution on the Sacrament of Confirmation

Sponsors bring the candidates to receive the sacrament, present them to the minister for the anointing, and will later help them to fulfill their baptismal promises faithfully under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

Canon 893 (Qualifications of Sponsors)

1. To perform the role of sponsor, it is necessary that a person fulfill the conditions mentioned in Canon 874 as follows:
To be admitted to the role of sponsor, a person must:
 - a. be designated by the one to be confirmed, by the parents of the one who takes their place or, in their absence, by the pastor or minister and who is to have the qualifications and intentions of performing this role;
 - b. have completed the sixteenth year, unless a different age has been established by the diocesan bishop, or, as seems to the pastor or minister, and exception is to be made for a just cause;
 - c. be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the Sacrament of Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken;
 - d. not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
 - e. not be the father or mother of the one to be confirmed.
2. It is desirable that the one who undertook the role of sponsor at Baptism be made the sponsor for Confirmation.

Diocese of Toledo Catechesis for Sacramental Preparation

Sponsors are invited and encouraged to attend the sacramental preparation sessions that parents attend. In addition, they are to be catechized regarding the importance of their role as models of Christian living for their candidates, as well as their role in the celebration of the Rite of Confirmation.