SPONSORS

The sponsor must be a practicing Catholic who has already been confirmed, and **should be at least 21 years old.** It is desirable that the one who undertook the role of Godparent at baptism be the Sponsor at Confirmation. The sponsor is a role model for the candidate and will need the time to be involved with the candidate in offering guidance and support, not just during preparation for Confirmation, but for life. For this reason, older brothers and sisters in high school do not represent the best choice as sponsors, as they are still developing their own faith life. According to Canons 893.1 and 874.5, **PARENTS *CANNOT* BE SPONSORS,** although they can be a proxy for a sponsor that lives a great distance away. Please think about what the role of the sponsor entails---can someone your child has minimal contact with be a strong mentor to them? The sponsor need not be a relative or someone of the same sex.

**MENTOR in place of SPONSOR**

Candidates, if your sponsor cannot carry out the duties listed above, with the help of your parents you are asked to choose a mentor, an adult practicing Catholic who has already been Confirmed and is an active member of the Catholic Christian community. Your mentor will walk with you offering guidance and support as you grow in your understanding of the Catholic Faith. Please note that it is up to you, the candidate, to choose a mentor. Your parents are not to choose someone they have had in mind for years, because this person is meant to be a member of faith that YOU are comfortable with.

**Sponsors/mentors are required to be involved in the following:**

* Rite of Enrollment - Saturday, November 2nd at the 5:00 PM Mass.
* Five meetings with the candidate – all at 1:30 PM in the Parish Center – 3430 Dover St. – Dexter, MI

1. Sunday, November 17, 2019 at 1:30pm
2. Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 1:30pm
3. Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 1:30pm
4. Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 1:30pm
5. Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 1:30pm

* 5 hours of service with the candidate
* Rehearsal and the Rite of Confirmation in September/October/November 2020. Dates to be announced by the Bishop’s Office in July.2020.

Sponsor/Mentor Information and questions (yellow sheet) are due at the Fall retreat

**October 26-27, 2019**

Please give your sponsor, including those from St. Joseph Parish, the “Permission to be a Sponsor” letter. They need to complete it and have the pastor of their home parish sign it and bring to the Rite of Enrollment. *If your sponsor is a St. Joseph Parishioner, please arrange to meet Fr. Brendan along with your sponsor so that Fr. Brendan can sign it.*

Bring the completed “Permission to be a Sponsor” letter to the Rite of Enrollment

**Saturday, November 2, 2019 5pm Mass**

**PLEASE FILL OUT BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM AND BRING TO THE RETREAT ON**

**OCTOBER 26,2019 .**

CANDIDATE’S NAME:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# SPONSOR INFORMATION

SPONSOR’S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Last) (First)

HOME ADDRESS:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

EMAIL:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO CANDIDATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*(i.e. Friend, Aunt, Uncle, etc.)*

MEMBER OF: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ PARISH in CITY:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_

## MENTOR INFORMATION *(If someone other than sponsor)*

SPONSOR’S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Last) (First)

HOME ADDRESS:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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RELATIONSHIP TO CANDIDATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*(i.e. Friend, Aunt, Uncle, etc.)*

MEMBER OF: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ PARISH in CITY:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_

**INTERVIEW QUESTIONS TO ASK A** **SPONSOR / MENTOR.**

**Please fill out and bring to the retreat on October 26, 2019**

1. What does it mean to you to be a Catholic?
2. How do you live that in your daily life?
3. How are you actively involved in the Catholic community of which you are a member?
4. How and when do you pray?
5. What prayer has the most meaning to you? Why?

6) Read and discuss the Nicene Creed together. Which part do you find the most meaningful? Why?