**Confirmation Sponsors Eligibility Form**

**SPONSORS**

 A sponsor is someone who walks with you on the journey of faith leading to Confirmation. Your sponsor is a special kind of friend, one who shares with you his or her own faith, knowledge and experience being a Christian.

 During the rite (or ceremony) of Confirmation, your sponsor will present you to the Bishop and to the community, as a sign of your readiness to receive the sacrament. Your relationship with your sponsor does not end with the ceremony—he or she has the important task of continuing to help you as you grow in faith.

 You choose your own sponsor for Confirmation. Your sponsor should be someone whom you admire for their faith and love of Jesus and his Catholic Church. (Parents cannot be sponsors to their own children.) He/she must be a Catholic who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, is registered in a Catholic Church and is participating in the Sacramental life of the Church (Ex.: attending Sunday Masses).

**THE ROLE AND DUTIES OF THE SPONSOR ARE:**

* Prays for and with the Candidate.
* Willingly shares his/her faith story with the Candidate in both formal and informal settings.
* Supports the Candidate during the Confirmation journey through ongoing dialogue, notes of encouragement, and a willingness to listen to the concerns and hopes of the Candidate.
* Stand with you at the Confirmation ceremony.
* Present you to the Bishop (or other Celebrant) and the community.
* Be willing to help you live as a follower of Jesus.

(Detach and turn in to Youth Ministry)

Give some thought about whom you would like to choose as your Confirmation sponsor. Talk over this decision with your family. When you have asked your sponsor and they have agreed, fill out the following information and sign it together. Return the form to the Youth Ministry Office or to your Youth Leader.

**Youth Name:**

MY CONFIRMATION SPONSOR WILL BE:

 (Printed name)

Relationship\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Address) (City/State/Zip) (Phone #)

Sponsor’s Parish Name – City/State

(Youth Signature) (Sponsor Signature)

**If the sponsor is not an IHM parishioner, we will need a letter of eligibility**

**from their home parish.**