

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND  
2015 CONFIRMATION SPONSOR FORM**

In the celebration of Confirmation the Church asks that the candidate be brought forward by a sponsor. The role of the sponsor is much more than a witness to the sacrament being received. Your role as sponsor is seen as two-fold. You are attesting to the character and readiness of the candidate and asking that they be admitted into the ranks of those who are already Confirmed Catholics. Secondly, you are accepting the responsibility to encourage and support the candidate in their practice of the faith. A sponsor must be someone other than a parent of the Candidate.

Obviously, as in any organization, one cannot sponsor someone for "membership", unless they are already a member in good standing. In accepting the role of a Sponsor for Confirmation you are asked to affirm that you are:

- a Baptized and Confirmed Catholic;
- in good standing with the Church (free to receive the sacraments and not prevented from doing so by any impediment,- e.g. not married in the Catholic Church, if married);
- a person who regularly practices your faith (weekly attendance at Mass and regular reception of the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation);
- an active member of your Catholic Parish;
- living a moral life in keeping with the Commandments and the teachings of the Church.
- willing to assist this candidate in preparation for and living out of the commitment of Confirmation.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, having been invited to sponsor  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Candidate) for the sacrament of Confirmation, do hereby affirm that I fulfill all the expectations of a Catholic sponsor for Confirmation as listed above.

Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**BELOW TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PASTOR / PRIEST AT SPONSOR'S HOME PARISH**

SPONSOR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ a registered member of this parish since \_\_\_\_\_:  
\_\_\_\_\_ is known to me as a Baptized, Confirmed, practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church.

Parish name \_\_\_\_\_ City, State \_\_\_\_\_

Priest's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Return this completed form to:*

*IHM Confirmation Prep, 8501 Loch Raven Blvd, Towson, MD, 21286.*