



ST. PADRE PIO CHURCH
5500 Major Mackenzie Drive, Kleinburg, ON L0N 1C0

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

Choosing a Confirmation Sponsor

What is a Sponsor?

A sponsor is a person who encourages and assists a candidate to embrace and actively practice the Catholic faith both before and after Confirmation. The sponsor also presents the candidate to the Bishop (or his delegate) at the celebration of Confirmation.

Who Can be a Sponsor?

Being a sponsor is an honor as well as a responsibility. The sponsor must be an active, practicing Catholic who can be a role model for the candidate. Ideally, you should choose one of your godparents from Baptism, provided he or she meets the above guidelines. If it is not possible to choose a godparent as your sponsor (e.g. they are deceased, live too far away, or are no longer a practicing Catholic), then you might ask someone else whom you see as an example of a committed, practicing Catholic. This could be a grandparent, aunt or uncle, or other relative, family friend, parent of one of your friends, a teacher. The requirements of the Catholic Church say that a sponsor:

- May be either a man or a woman. (Sponsors do not have to be the same sex as the candidate.)
- Must be a fully initiated Roman Catholic (Baptized, Confirmed and has made First Communion).
- Is a person who regularly comes to Sunday Mass and celebrates the sacraments.
- May not be the parent of the candidate.

A Prayer to Help Choose a Sponsor

Holy Spirit, helper and guide, give me wisdom as I choose my Confirmation sponsor. Help me to choose a person of prayer who will teach me also to be a person of prayer who will support me in difficulties, who will guide me to make good choices, And who will challenge me when I do not. Help me to choose someone who will love me and teach me to love Jesus. Thank you for giving me a community of people around me to support and guide me as I take this important step in becoming more fully a member of your Church.

Amen

Confirmation Sponsor Meeting

Monday, February 6th 2022 at 7:30 pm
You are invited to attend the 7:00 pm Mass

The Role of the Sponsor After Confirmation

To be chosen as a sponsor is a special honour. He/she, above all others, has been entrusted with the responsibility of participating in the candidate's Christian faith and life. This privilege offers them special opportunity to develop a mutually enriching spiritual relationship with the one being confirmed – one that will last throughout this life and beyond. There are many ways they can nurture this spiritual relationship and become a special friend to the candidate. Among these are:

- They might celebrate the anniversary of the Confirmation each year with a visit, a call or a card.
- As the one who was confirmed continues to grow, the sponsor should listen to and share in the struggles and triumphs of living a Christian life, and keep himself/herself informed on Christian doctrine and values, to be able to answer questions as they arise.
- The sponsor should encourage the one confirmed in a consistent life of faith through special cards, letters, or gifts which celebrate holy events... Christmas, Easter...and personal growth events...graduation, first job, engagement. (Gift suggestions: a bible, spiritual book, religious jewelry, gift certificate for religious books/goods, retreat opportunity.)
- The sponsor could send assurances of prayer as other Sacraments are received such as Marriage, Holy Orders etc.
- The sponsor should be supportive of the parents of the one who was confirmed, because they are the primary religious educators of their son or daughter.
- And most importantly, the sponsor should be a model of Christian living for the one confirmed, through daily prayer, virtue and active participation in parish life and liturgy.

By living a Christian life in partnership with the one confirmed, the sponsor will experience the great joy of sharing a life of faith.



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CONFIRMATION SPONSOR FORM

To Be Presented to Fr. George at the Sponsor Meeting
Monday, February 6th at 7:30 pm

Confirmation Candidate Full Name:

School: _____ Teacher: _____

SPONSOR INFORMATION

Sponsor Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Prov. _____ Email: _____

Sponsor Church of Baptism: _____

Date of Baptism/Confirmation: _____

Parish Where You Currently Attend Mass:

Name of Parish _____

City, Prov. _____

**Please provide a copy of your Confirmation Certificate or Updated
Baptism Certificate**

Sponsor Signature: _____