

St. Cornelius Parish
Confirmation Sponsor Eligibility

Requirements under the Code of Canon Law – (Canons 872—874 and 892—893.)

- 1) Baptized Catholic who has already received the Sacraments of Initiation (i.e. Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist), as well as the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) when necessary.
- 2) It is preferred that one of the candidate's godparents at Baptism exercises the role of sponsor at Confirmation.
- 3) Actively practicing the Faith
- 4) At least 16 years of age.
- 5) If married, in a valid Marriage, (i.e. one that was witnessed by a Catholic Priest, in a Catholic Church, unless dispensed from the Catholic for of marriage by a Diocesan Bishop).
- 6) Parents, step-parent or guardian of the Confirmation candidate MAY NOT be a sponsor or proxy for their own child.
- 7) The sponsor's gender need not be the same as that of the candidate.
- 8) Eligibility letter from the Parish to which the sponsor belongs, including St. Cornelius parishioners.

If you need someone to stand in proxy for your child's sponsor you must find someone to do so (must be at least 16). However, we still need a letter of eligibility for the absent sponsor.

Please do not request that our Confirmation catechists be a sponsor or stand in proxy. They have other responsibilities and are needed to be available for any emergencies that may arise.

The sponsor is identified on the Confirmation Registration Form. Please have both the registration form and the sponsor's letter of eligibility turned in the due date.