Confirmation Sponsor

I. Some Basic Church Rules Concerning Sponsors

It is the very ancient custom of the Church that at the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation, a sponsor is present. The function of the sponsor is:

a) together with the celebrant who confirms, the sponsor is to represent the Catholic Church in receiving the person into the communion of the Church

b) to assist the person in Christian initiation

In accord with Canon 874 of the Code of Canon Law, the Church can admit a person to the role of the sponsor if:

a) he or she is sixteen years of age or older

b) is a Catholic who has been confirmed, has already received the Holy Eucharist, and lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken

c) is not either the father or the mother of the person

Note that the Catholic seeking to be admitted as a sponsor "lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken." This means that the candidate for sponsor:

a) sincerely believes and strives to put into practice the Word of God as taught by the Roman Catholic Church

b) attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation

c) if married, was married in accordance with the requirements of the Catholic Church

II. Affirmation of the Prospective Sponsor

If therefore, you seek to be admitted as a sponsor and are convinced that you qualify in accord with the conditions listed above, kindly make the following solemn affirmation:

I, (Print full name) _____, a practicing Catholic who seeks to be admitted as a sponsor, solemnly affirm that I fulfill the requirement of the Catholic Church for this role as presented above. I intended with the grace of God, to continue the practice of my Catholic Faith, and I will, to the best of my ability, carry out the obligations of my role as sponsor.

_____ _____

Date Signature of Sponsor

Name of Confirmation Candidate:_____

Note: If the sponsor is not a member of St. Joseph Parish, Hessen Cassel, then a letter from the pastor of the sponsor's home parish stating the sponsor is eligible to be a Confirmation sponsor must accompany this form.

We will have a practice/walkthrough on Monday, April 22nd. The Confirmation Mass is set for Wednesday, April 24 at 7pm, at St. Joseph – Hessen Cassel

Please go to the following web address https://vimeo.com/126599960/04b6c31b97 to watch a short video from Bishop Rhoades regarding being a Confirmation Sponsor.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mr. Brett Rupright

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