



St. George Catholic Church

771 Roscoe Rd., Newnan, GA, 30263

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR AFFIRMATION

I. Some Basic Church Rules Concerning Sponsors

It is the very ancient custom of the Church that at the celebration of the sacrament of baptism or confirmation, a sponsor is present. The function of the sponsor is; A) together with the celebrant who baptizes or confirms, to represent the Church in receiving the person into the communion of the Church; and B) to support the person in living the Catholic Christian life.

In accord with **Canon 874 of the Code of Canon Law**, the Church can admit a person to the role of sponsor if; A) he or she is not less than sixteen years of age; B) is a baptized Catholic who has been Confirmed and has already received the Blessed Eucharist and lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken; and C) is neither the father or the mother of the person.

Given the functions and role a sponsor exercises, a non-Catholic, Christian cannot be admitted as a sponsor; however, he or she can be a witness. A non-Christian cannot serve in this latter capacity, but is welcome to be present at the ceremony.

Note that the Catholic seeking to be admitted as a sponsor “lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken”. This phraseology means that the candidate for sponsor; A) sincerely believes and strives to put into practice the Word of God as taught by the Catholic Church; B) regularly takes part in the Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation; and C) if married, was married in accordance with the requirements of the Catholic Church.

Consequently, the following do not qualify to be admitted as a sponsor:

1. Those Catholics who have recently registered (less than 3 months) with St. George;
2. Those Catholics who are not actively affiliated with a worshipping community;
3. Those Catholics who are invalidly married, as for example, before a Justice of the Peace, or without proper dispensation;
4. Those Catholics who are divorced and invalidly remarried, and;
5. Those Catholics who have not received Confirmation and do not receive the Holy Eucharist

II. Affirmation of the Prospective Sponsor

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

I, (print full name) _____, a practicing Catholic seeking to be admitted as a sponsor, solemnly affirm that I fulfill the requirements of the Catholic Church for this role as presented above. I intend, 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.

(Please Print)

Church (Name and Address)	Name of Confirmation Candidate
Date of Ceremony	Signature of Sponsor Today's Date
Sponsor's email address	Sponsor's phone number

As Pastor/Associate Pastor I recommend the Sponsor chosen by the candidate as spiritually qualified for the office and satisfies these requirements:

1. Sponsor is sufficiently mature for this role (must be 16 years of age or older).
2. Sponsor belongs to the Roman Catholic Church and has been initiated in the three Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
3. Sponsor is a practicing Catholic.

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Church (Name)

Name of Sponsor

Church Address

Signature of Pastor/Associate Pastor

Today's Date

City, State, Zip

Seal of Sponsor's Church