



## *Our Lady, Help of Christians*

Newton, Massachusetts

Confirmation Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Confirmation SPONSOR Information

Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Residence (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parish Where SPONSOR Is Registered \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

### Norms from Canon Law for Choosing A Sponsor

The new code of Canon Law includes the following guidelines:

- Age over 16
- A Confirmed Catholic
- A lifestyle that shows commitment to Christian values and the conviction of Catholic beliefs
- A relationship with the candidate through family or Baptism (godparents, grandparents, aunt, uncle, brother, sister, NOT PARENT); or a close personal relationship

Relationship with the Candidate is \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Choosing a Sponsor...

A sponsor is a person chosen by the candidate as a mentor in the process of full initiation into the Catholic Church. The sponsor's role is to walk the journey of faith as a companion to the young person being fully initiated. This person should have established good rapport with and be easy to talk to for the young person. The Confirmation sponsor is a "companion and friend in faith".

Because there is a direct link between a person's Baptism and Confirmation, a Baptismal Godparent is a natural and appropriate person to think of as a Confirmation sponsor, although it need not be this person. Being a Confirmation sponsor is more than an "honorary title", so it is important to choose carefully.

Confirmation sponsors are invited to share the journey of Confirmation Preparation with the candidate. They are invited to all large group sessions and will be asked to attend a special experience of prayer for the candidates and sponsors in the second year of the program. It is recommended that candidates and sponsors attend Mass together occasionally and share conversations about faith. This will make the experience more meaningful for both parties.

Finally, like a Godparent, the sponsor is asked to play a role in the continuing development of the candidate's faith beyond the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is intended to be a lifelong relationship.

