Saint Matthew CATHOLIC PARISH
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Sponsor Form — Letter of Good Standing

Congratulations on being asked to be a Sponsor! By accepting this invitation, you are committing to an important role in this person's faith journey—supporting, encouraging, and helping them grow in their relationship with Christ as a Catholic. **Please take the completed form to your parish and have it signed and sealed by the Pastor.** *If the sponsor is a parishioner at St. Matthew, please turn the form into the parish office or give to the Director of Religious Education to be signed.*

Name of Person Being Baptized and/or Confirmed: _____

Sacrament(s) Being Received: **Confirmation** Date of Sacrament: **Sunday, April 11, 2027**

Sponsor's Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parish of Attendance: _____ City/State of Parish: _____

Canonical Requirements for Sponsors

In accordance with canon 874 of the Code of Canon Law, all of the following requirements must be met in order to serve as a Sponsor.

1. A Sponsor must be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Please indicate whether you have received the Sacraments of Initiation.
   Baptism ☐ Yes ☐ No First Communion ☐ Yes ☐ No Confirmation ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. A Sponsor must be at least 16 years old. Are you 16 or older? ☐ Yes ☐ No
3. A Sponsor may not be the parent of the person receiving the sacrament. Are you someone other than the parent? ☐ Yes ☐ No
4. A Sponsor must be a practicing Catholic. Do you attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, and do you regularly receive the Eucharist and Reconciliation? ☐ Yes ☐ No
5. Marriage Status: ☐ Married ☐ Single ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed
   If Married, I was married in a Catholic Church by a priest or deacon. ☐ Yes ☐ No
   If Single/Divorced/Widowed, I am **not** currently living with a partner. ☐ Yes ☐ No
   If not married in the Catholic Church, I am willing to have my marriage convalidated. ☐ Yes ☐ No

(If you answered "No" to any of the above questions, you may not be eligible to be a sponsor at this time.)

I have truthfully answered the above questions and declare that I fulfill the Catholic Church's requirements of a Sponsor. I realize that I assume a great responsibility before God and the Catholic Church in becoming a Sponsor. I commit to faithfully fulfill my obligations as a Sponsor through my daily Christian example and prayers.

Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: _____

The above individual is a member of this parish and there is no known impediment for them to serve as a Sponsor.

Parish Name: _____ Priest Signature: _____

Parish City/State: _____ Date: _____ [Parish Seal]