



THE BASILICA OF
SAINT MARY
Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia

Certificate to Serve as a Sponsor:

Name of Candidate (Confirmation Spring 2023)

I RECOGNIZE that a sponsor has a special relationship to the person who is to be confirmed. A sponsor serves as a model of Christian living for the individual he/she is serving, as that person is renewed and strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit.

WITH THAT UNDERSTANDING, I recognize that in order to serve as a sponsor, a person must:

- Be a Catholic who has been baptized, received the Eucharist and been confirmed, and who is currently living a sacramental life (e.g., attending Mass regularly, making use of the sacrament of Reconciliation) is not in an irregular marriage, is not living a life of habitual sin, and is living in accord with the Church's teaching on sexuality;
- Be at least sixteen years of age;
- Lead a life of faith in harmony with the ministry they are undertaking, and have the intention of undertaking the ministry of a sponsor;
- Not be a parent, or step-parent, of the individual to be confirmed.

I HEREBY ACCEPT these responsibilities and testify that I fulfill the requirements to serve in the ministry of sponsor.

Signature of Sponsor

Date

I HEREBY TESTIFY that _____

(name of sponsor)

is a registered member of _____

(name of parish)

and affirm that he/she fulfills all the requirements to serve in the ministry of sponsor.

Signature of Pastor (or his authorized delegate)

Date

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Sponsor information

Name (First and Last): _____

_____ *Please initial after reading the following paragraph:*

I understand that as a sponsor I am to live a life in harmony with the nature of this responsibility, meaning, for example, that I regularly attend Mass; I receive the Eucharist regularly; I make use of the sacrament of Reconciliation; I am not in an irregular marriage; and I seek to the best of my understanding of my Catholic faith to be faithful to the teachings of the Church. I attest that I have received the sacrament of Confirmation and that I am at least 16 years old. I also understand that being a sponsor is a commitment of time. I will attend the celebrations of liturgical rites, and other initiation-related events to the best of my ability. I further understand that being chosen as a sponsor is a lifetime commitment to be, as I am able, a faithful witness of the Catholic way of life to the individual I am called to serve. If I am not a member of the Basilica of St. Mary, then I will have the Pastor from my own parish, or his authorized delegate, sign the appropriate Sponsor certificate attesting to the fact that I attend Mass regularly on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, follow the precepts of the Church, and possess no impediments for serving as a sponsor.

I. Contact Information

Full Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

II. Sacramental History

Place Where You Were Baptized: _____

(include church name (or hospital, etc.), city, region (state, province, etc.), and country)

Parish Where You Are Currently Registered: _____

Full Mailing Address: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

Phone: _____

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Sponsor for: _____ Date: _____

If from another parish, Certificate or Letter of Good Standing received by Date: _____

Notes: _____