



# Holy Family Parish

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## CONFIRMATION SPONSORS REQUIREMENTS

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 youth being fully initiated. This person should have established a good rapport with and be easy to talk to the young person. Being a sponsor is not just an honour. The sponsor must be an active, practicing Catholic who can be a role model for the candidate. Remember that being a "Sponsor" at a Sacrament makes you a proper representative of the Catholic Church. If someone does not go to Mass or practice their Catholic faith, the role of representative would be inappropriate for them. How could someone ever represent a group in which they no longer participate?

### **Requirements for a sponsor:**

1. Be a fully initiated (Baptized, Confirmed and has made First Communion) practicing Catholic in good canonical standing who participates in Sunday liturgy, leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken, and is willing and able to participate in the Eucharist with his/her candidate.
2. Be appointed by the candidate for baptism, or by the parents, or whoever stands in their place; to be appointed, the person must be suitable for this role and have the intention of fulfilling it.
3. Be not less than sixteen years of age.
4. Not be the father nor mother of the one to be confirmed;
5. Not labour under a canonical penalty, whether imposed or declared. For example: married outside the church or in a second invalid marriage.
6. Ideally be the baptismal sponsor so that the link between Baptism and Confirmation is expressed clearly.
7. A male could be a sponsor for a female candidate or a female could be a sponsor for a male candidate.
8. Be close enough in age and geography as to be able to maintain appropriate contact with the candidate before and after Confirmation.

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## HOW TO COMPLETE THE SPONSORS FORM:

1. Go to the parish website (<https://holyfamilywh.archtoronto.org>). Go to *ABOUT US* and click on *Registration Forms*. Scroll down to *Holy Family Confirmation Sponsor Form*.
  2. Fill out the sponsors form & submit it online before February 27, 2017. Print out the notification email and bring it with you together with the **Sponsor Commitment Form** (also found in our website) that has been signed by your Pastor on March 8, 2017 when you attend the mandatory Confirmation Sponsor session at 7pm in the parish.
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