



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

17775 North Bay Road,

Sunny Isles Beach, Florida 33160

I. CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

CHOOSING YOUR CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

Who is a Sponsor?

A confirmation sponsor is a special person who, by their example, shows and encourages how to live your Catholic Faith, he or she journey with the candidate of Confirmation. The sponsor must be a fully initiated and practicing Catholic who has celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation and attends Mass and receive Holy Communion on regular basis. If the sponsor is married, they must be married in the Catholic Church. The sponsor must accompany the candidate to the Bishop (or his/her delegate) at the celebration of Confirmation. Ideally, you should choose one of your godparents from Baptism (CCC 1311), provided he or she meets the above guidelines. If it is not possible to choose a godparent as your sponsor (e.g., they are deceased, live too far away, or are no longer a practicing Catholic), then you might ask someone else whom you see as an example of a committed, practicing Catholic. This could be a grandparent, aunt, or uncle, other relative, family friend, parent of one of your friends, a teacher.



THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH SAY THAT A SPONSOR:

- **Should be a significant person in the candidate's life. The candidate should look for someone who trust and admire. It could be either a man or a woman.**
(Sponsors do not have to be the same gender as the candidate.)
- **Must be a fully initiated Roman Catholic (Baptized, Confirmed, and has made First Communion.)**
- **Is a person who regularly comes to Sunday Mass and celebrates the sacraments.**
- **Must be at least 16 years old.**
- **May not be the parent of the candidate.**

A PRAYER TO HELP YOU TO CHOOSE A SPONSOR

Holy Spirit, helper, and guide,
give me wisdom as I choose my Confirmation sponsor.

Help me to choose a person of prayer
who will teach me also to be a person of prayer
who will support me in difficult times,
who will guide me to make good choices,
and who will challenge me when I do not.

Help me to choose someone who will love me and teach me to love Jesus.

Thank you for giving me a community of people around me
to support and guide me as I take this important step
in becoming more fully a member of your Church.

Amen

II. HOW IT WORKS

1. Once you have selected someone to be your sponsor and they have accepted, please fill out “The Confirmation Sponsor Form” and have your sponsor request his/her Sacramental Certificates.
2. Sponsors are asked to submit a full Sacramental history (Baptism, Confirmation, Communion and Matrimony *(if applicable)*). We will only need certificate of Confirmation and Matrimony.
 - This is not meant as a hurdle or an inconvenience, we are trying to comply with our Church requirements and documentation.
 - We often forget the dates and places of these important milestones of our faith journey. This step is a simple way to recall these special days and inspire ongoing conversations between the Candidate and Sponsor.
3. Your parents and sponsor are asked to participate in the Parent and Sponsor Retreat scheduled for October ____, 20__.
4. You and your sponsor are invited to participate in four additional activities together:
 - ❖ Two Faith Sharing Evenings
 - Wednesday, October ____, 20__ and Wednesday November ____, 20__ from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm.
 - ❖ Attend at least one Sunday Mass and share a meal together afterwards.
5. Your Confirmation Mass is scheduled for: _____ at _____
Rehearsal will take place the day before with Covid Restrictions and Compliance from the Archdiocese of Miami. Sponsor must attend both.

Hand in all forms to the Director of Religious Education or drop them off or mail them to

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Office of Religious Education/Faith Formation
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III. CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

I, _____, have been asked to be a Confirmation Sponsor

for _____, who is to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, Sunny Isles Beach, Florida on _____.

As a CONFIRMATION SPONSOR I affirm that: I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist in the Roman Catholic Church. I will be at least sixteen years of age on the day of the Confirmation. I participate regularly in Sunday Mass and receive Holy Communion as a practicing Roman Catholic. I actively strive to live out my commitment to Christ and to the communal life of the Church by my loving response to those with whom I come in contact daily. I fulfill my obligations to my parish to the best of my ability in support of the Gospel message. My current marital status conforms to all laws, norms, and principles of the Roman Catholic Church.

Full Legal Name of Confirmation Sponsor (please print) _____

_____ (Mr./Mrs./Miss etc.) (Sponsor's First Name)

(Sponsor's Last Name) My relationship (godparent, grandfather, aunt, friend, etc.) to the candidate is _____

My Address Is: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

My Phone(s) _____

E-mail address: _____

My present parish/church _____ (City/State) _____

I promise to give my support to the confirmation candidate by my prayers, my continued interest in his/her growth as a Catholic, and the Christian example of my daily life. I do hereby solemnly declare that I fulfill all the above requirements to act as a Confirmation Sponsor.

Attached are copies of my Sacramental Certificates as require for this occasion.

Signature of the Sponsor: _____ Date: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY PASTOR OF CONFIRMATION SPONSOR I certify to the best of my knowledge that the information above is correct.

Name of the Pastor: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____ (Parish Seal)

Return this completed, signed form to St. Mary Magdalen

Parish Seal