



## **The Role and Eligibility of the Sponsor According to the Diocese of Erie**

**This form is due by October 10**

**Role:** A sponsor must be a person who knows the candidate and can help him/her on his/her spiritual journey and can share his/her own faith. This selection should be indicated at the beginning of the candidate's immediate preparation. Ideally, it should be someone who has been already involved in the spiritual formation of the candidate, such as a godparent or member of the local parish.

### **Eligibility:**

A sponsor:

- Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church.
- Must be at least sixteen years old.
- Must belong to the Catholic Church and have been initiated in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- Must not be prohibited by law from exercising the role of sponsor.
- May be the same sponsor the individual had at Baptism.
- May be a new sponsor selected specifically for Confirmation.
- May be either male or female for any candidate.

**Note: Parents are no longer eligible as sponsors. (1983 – Code of Canon Law)**

Candidate's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Parish:  
Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_

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

If your sponsor is a member of this parish, simply complete the information on this page – our office will verify information to parish records. If your sponsor is not a member of this parish, he or she will need to obtain a Certificate of Eligibility from his or her parish, stating that he or she is eligible to serve as a sponsor for Confirmation. Please attend to this early so that it is received by the appropriate time. Please attach sponsor's Certificate of Eligibility to this page.