

Check here if you are a Nativity of the BVM Parishioner in good standing*.

(* This eliminates the requirement to obtain a letter from your parish.)

Sponsor Formal Record Form

This Form Due: **September 8, 2018**

Candidate Name: _____

Sponsor Name: _____

Sponsor Address: _____

Sponsor Phone: _____

Sponsor's Parish: _____ (If not Nativity)

Sponsor's Pastor: _____ (If not Nativity)

Parish Address: _____ (If not Nativity)

Parish Phone: _____ (If not Nativity)

Sponsor's Confirmation Date: _____

Sponsor's Confirmation Location: _____

Sponsor Requirements:

_____ I am 16 years or older

_____ I am **not** the parent of the Confirmation Candidate

_____ I am a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church. I attend Sunday Mass and receive the Eucharist on a regular basis. I have been Confirmed, was married (if applicable) in a ceremony approved by the Church, and my own children are receiving a religious education. **I will request a Certificate of Good Standing from my parish.** (*Not necessary if you checked the box above.)

_____ I agree to write a letter of recommendation on behalf of the candidate and attend the given Confirmation preparation classes with him/her.

_____ I agree to be present for the rehearsal and Confirmation Mass held at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in November 2018 (exact date TBD).

_____ I agree to be a spiritual guide for the Candidate during Confirmation preparation and for the rest of their life as long as I am able. I understand that I am to hold the Candidate accountable for practicing the Catholic Faith. I will be a good example of a faith-filled Catholic, to the best of my ability. I will pray for the Candidate daily.

Signature of Sponsor _____ Date _____

Welcome, Sponsor!

Congratulations on being asked to be a sponsor! You have been asked to take on the responsibility to assist a young person in living a Catholic life that reflects the teachings of the Catholic Church. This is not something to be taken lightly and we ask that you honestly pray over the following qualifications and requirements prior to completing the attached sponsor information sheet and pilgrim-sponsor interview. We look forward to meeting you!

Walking in faith is not a path that we are called to walk alone. While Christ is always with us, it is important that we also have the encouragement, prayers, and support of those around us. As a sponsor, you are being asked to walk with the candidate/pilgrim on this journey of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation and beyond. Being a sponsor is not a "once and done" event. A sponsor should continue a relationship with the candidate to nurture his/her faith even after Confirmation.

In order to serve as a sponsor, a person must:

- Understand and take seriously his/her own baptismal promises
- Have completed the initiation process of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation in the Catholic Church
- Currently be an actively practicing Catholic:
 - Attends Sunday Mass on Sundays and receives the sacraments regularly
 - Teaches the faith by personal example
 - Leads a moral Life
- Must be at least 16 years old
- **Must NOT be the parent** of the individual being confirmed
- May or may not be the baptismal godparent

As sponsor, you will be asked to:

- Actively support and encourage the pilgrim
- Pray for and with the pilgrim
- Act as a faith mentor and guide
- Be involved in the sacramental process, **including these actions (check when complete):**
 - Sign and return the attached Sponsor Information Form.
 - Obtain a Certificate of Good Standing from your parish. Please request this immediately, and have it sent to the Nativity Faith Formation Office, (address on reverse of this page) so that it will arrive no later than Sept. 8, 2018. Include the first and last name of both Candidate and Sponsor.
 - Write a letter vouching for the sincerity of the Candidate and/or explaining why you feel the candidate is ready to be confirmed. The Sponsor-Candidate Interview Activity should help with this process. This is also due Sept. 8, 2018.
 - Attend the four required class sessions (dates are on the reverse of this page).
 - Attend the Confirmation rehearsal with the candidate (date TBD).
 - Attend the Confirmation Mass/Ceremony with the candidate (November date TBD).

Parent-Sponsor Meeting - Tuesday, May 15, 7:00 - 9:00 PM in Church
(Parent should attend if the sponsor is unavailable)

Send Completed Paperwork by Sept 8, 2018 to:

Nativity Faith Formation Office
Attn: Confirmation Paperwork
8550 Main St
Williamsville, NY 14221

Class Schedules for Sponsor (or Parent in Sponsor's Absence)

- Sponsor (or a parent in their absence) must attend the 4 indicated classes with the pilgrim.
- Confer with the pilgrim as to which class time works with both of your schedules.
- *Please Note: Class schedules or times could be adjusted due to catechist availability. You would be given notice and alternate choices.*

		<u>Sunday</u> 10:45 – 12:15 PM	<u>Sunday</u> 1:00 – 2:30 PM	<u>Monday</u> 7:00 – 8:30 PM
September	(w/ sponsor)	23	23	24
Sept/Oct	(w/ sponsor)	30	30	1
October	(w/ sponsor)	14	14	15
October	(w/ sponsor)	21	21	22

Confirmation Date - TBD - (Usually Mid-November)

We will be assigned a date by the Diocese of Buffalo

Rehearsal date will be determined by the Confirmation date.