

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
5330 Babcock Street, NE
Palm Bay, FL 32905

SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY FORM
(For Baptism or Confirmation)

Any infant, child or adult seeking Confirmation needs a **SPONSOR**. In baptism Sponsors are often called "Godparents". In Confirmation they are often called Sponsors. **PARENTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE SPONSORS FOR THEIR OWN CHILDREN**. A Sponsor is someone of strong faith in the Catholic tradition. S/he must be willing to make a commitment to the candidate for a sacrament, and guide that candidate in the area of spirituality. **A Sponsor must be at least sixteen years old, and must be baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church, and in right relationship with the Catholic Church**. This means that the Sponsor is registered in a parish, attends Mass and receives the sacraments regularly, and is able to share his/her faith openly and honestly with the candidate. A Sponsor does not have to be a member of this parish, or live in the local area. The Sponsor should be present at the Baptism or Confirmation, but if this is not possible, a proxy may "stand in" for the Sponsor. If the Sponsor is not a registered member of this parish, his/her pastor must sign this form before it is returned to our office. **A CANDIDATE CAN NOT CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT IN OUR PARISH WITHOUT THIS FORM COMPLETED.**

Please PRINT clearly

FAMILY ID NUMBER _____ SESSION _____

CANDIDATE'S FULL NAME _____

CANDIDATE'S DATE OF BIRTH ___/___/___

SPONSOR'S NAME _____

SPONSOR'S ADDRESS _____
City State Zip

SPONSOR'S PHONE NUMBER __ () _____

SPONSOR'S PARISH _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

RELATIONSHIP TO CANDIDATE _____

PASTOR'S ATTESTATION:

I DECLARE THAT THE ABOVE NAMED SPONSOR IS A BAPTIZED AND CONFIRMED CATHOLIC, AT LEAST SIXTEEN YEARS OLD, IN RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CHURCH, AND IS A REGISTERED MEMBER OF THE ABOVE NAMED PARISH.

Pastor _____ / _____
Signature Date