

ST. VINCENT FERRER CATHOLIC CHURCH SACRAMENT SPONSOR FORM
(To be considered for sponsorship, all information in this form must be truthful and complete.)

I wish to be a sponsor for: _____
First Middle Last

MY NAME (Sponsor)* _____
First Middle Last

*(Must be at least 16 years of age)
If the sponsor is away at school, the campus chaplain or official campus ministry head may verify the sponsor's eligibility via a signed letter to the home pastor.

Sponsor's Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Sponsor's Phone (____) - _____ E-mail _____

I am Single Married* Divorced Widowed

*(If married, please provide the name and location of the Catholic Church)

_____ *Church* _____ *City* _____ *Date of Marriage*

Name of my home parish (church) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip _____ If Catholic church, what (Arch) Diocese _____

Are you registered at this parish (church)? YES NO Name of Pastor/Minister _____

I am a practicing Catholic in both word and deed YES NO
(i.e., Weekly Mass attendance, support of parish)

AND

I am a fully initiated Catholic YES NO
(Received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation)

OR

I am not Catholic, but wish to serve as a Witness for baptism. I am a baptized, practicing member of the following non-Catholic Christian denomination _____

(N.B., If you answered "NO" to any of the above questions, you probably are ineligible to currently act as a sponsor since it presumes weekly attendance at Mass and to be an active and contributing member of the parish.)

I have truthfully answered the questions above: _____
Signature of Applicant (Sponsor)

Pastors must ascertain the spiritual qualifications of sponsors. The sponsor for any candidate must:

- 1° be appointed by the candidate for baptism, or by the parents or whoever stands in their place, or failing these, by the parish priest or the minister; to be appointed the person must be suitable for this role and have the intention of fulfilling it;
- 2° be not less than sixteen years of age, unless a different age has been stipulated by the diocesan Bishop, or unless the parish priest or the minister considers that there is a just reason for an exception to be made;
- 3° be a catholic who has been confirmed and has received the blessed Eucharist, and who lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken;
- 4° not labor under a canonical penalty, whether imposed or declared;
- 5° not be either the father or the mother of the person to be baptized. (Canon #874)

The parish of St. Vincent Ferrer defines "living a life of faith" as one who is registered and worshipping at his/her parish on a regular (weekly) basis; and one who contributes time, talent and financial resources to help support the parish and the Catholic Church of the diocese.

As Pastor, I ascertain that this person lives a life of faith in both word and deed, and is able to perform the duties of a Sacramental Sponsor.

As Pastor, I am unable to ascertain that the proposed Sponsor qualifies as a Sacramental Sponsor.

(Affix Church Seal)

Pastor's Signature

Date