



**DIOCESE OF EAST ANGLIA
OUR LADY OF LOURDES & ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH**

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR FORM

Guidelines

Sponsors have an active role in the faith life and preparation of the candidate. The sponsor should regularly pray for and with the candidate; attend meetings as required, and attend Adoration together before the Rite of Confirmation. For these reasons it is important that the choice of Sponsor is not made at the last minute.

Sponsors must be at least 16 years old, fully initiated (baptized, confirmed and received Eucharist) and a practicing member of a parish faith community. They must be leading a life in harmony with the Catholic Faith, and free of any canonical impediments.

The sponsor cannot be the natural or adoptive parent of the candidate. The sponsor is the *patrinis* (literally, 'little parent') or godparent, who assists the parents in forming a child in faith. If candidates are still in contact with their baptismal godparents, and their godparents can still fulfil the requirements of a sponsor, then the godparents may act as the sponsors at confirmation; and this additionally emphasises the connection between baptism and confirmation. However, others may be asked to fulfil this role.

I AM THE PARISH PRIEST OF THE FOLLOWING PERSON:

FULL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ POST CODE: _____

AND CERTIFY THAT HE / SHE MEETS THE CANONICAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE

THE SPONSOR OF _____

(NAME OF CANDIDATE)

Dated:

Parish seal

Priest's Signature:

Name of Parish:

Diocese: