



# CATHEDRAL of CHRIST THE KING

2699 Peachtree Road Atlanta, GA 30505

## BAPTISM AND/OR CONFIRMATION SPONSOR AFFIRMATION

### I. Some Basic Church Rules Concerning Sponsors

It is the very ancient custom of the Church that at the celebration of the sacrament of baptism or confirmation, a sponsor is present. The function of the sponsor is; A) together with the celebrant who baptizes or confirms, to represent the Church in receiving the person into the communion of the Church; and B) to support the person in living the Catholic Christian life.

In accord with **Canon 874 of the Code of Canon Law**, the Church can admit a person to the role of sponsor if; A) he or she is not less than sixteen years of age; B) is a baptized Catholic who has been Confirmed and has already received the Blessed Eucharist and lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken; and C) is neither the father or the mother of the person.

Given the functions and role a sponsor exercises, a non-Catholic, Christian cannot be admitted as a sponsor; however, he or she can be a witness. A non-Christian cannot serve in this latter capacity, but is welcome to be present at the ceremony.

Note that the Catholic seeking to be admitted as a sponsor “lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken”. This phraseology means that the candidate for sponsor; A) sincerely believes and strives to put into practice the Word of God as taught by the Catholic Church; B) regularly takes part in the Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation; and C) if married, was married in accordance with the requirements of the Catholic Church.

Consequently,

1. Those Catholics who have recently registered (less than 3 months) with the Cathedral of Christ the King;
  2. Those Catholics who are not actively affiliated with a worshipping community;
  3. Those Catholics who are invalidly married, as for example, before a Justice of the Peace, or without proper dispensation;
  4. Those Catholics who are divorced and invalidly remarried, and;
  5. Those Catholics who have not received Confirmation and the Blessed Eucharist;
- Do not qualify to be admitted as a sponsor.

### II. Affirmation of the Prospective Sponsor

If therefore, you seek to be admitted as a sponsor, and are convinced that you qualify in accordance with the conditions listed above, kindly make the following solemn affirmation:

I, (*print full name*) \_\_\_\_\_, a practicing Catholic seeking to be admitted as a sponsor, solemnly affirm that I fulfill the requirements of the Catholic Church for this role as presented above. I intend, with the grace of God, to continue the practice of my Catholic faith, and I will, to the best of my ability, carry out the obligations of my role as sponsor.

*(Please Print)*

*Church (Name and Address)*

*Name of  Baptism or  Confirmation Candidate*

*Date of Ceremony*

*Signature of Sponsor*

*Today's Date*

*Sponsor's email address*

*Sponsor's phone number*

Upon completion of this form, please mail, fax (404) 233-4984 or email to [tcarr@ctking.com](mailto:tcarr@ctking.com).  
The completed letter of eligibility will be faxed and mailed to the appropriate church.