DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

Certificate of Eligibility for Sacramental Sponsorship

Name of Candidate: _____ **Month/Year:** _____

Eligibility Requirements for Baptism and or Confirmation Sponsors

Please read the following carefully: The Church asks certain requirements of those who aspire to be Sponsor for Baptism and/or Confirmation. In accordance to Church Law, canons 872, 874, 892, and 893, to be a sponsor for Baptism and/or Confirmation, the person must:

1. Be a person suitable for this role, selected by the candidate or family and having the intention of fulfilling the responsibility.
2. Be at least 16 years of age, Baptized and Confirmed in the faith.
3. Be a Catholic who lives his/her faith, with weekly attendance at Mass, reception of the Eucharist and Penance on a regular basis and is a suitable person for this responsibility as a sponsor.
4. Not be a parent of the one to be confirmed. (May act as proxy for one who cannot attend.)
5. Be in conformity with all laws of the Church concerning marriage.

Sponsor Information

Sponsor's Name: _____
                              First Name   *Last Name*

Sponsor's Date of Birth_____/_____/_____

Sponsor's Address_____

City_____**State**_____**Zip**_____

Phone_____-_____-_____**Email**_____

Please read the following carefully, initial next to each box to confirm eligibility requirements, and sign below:

_____ I am a baptized and confirmed Catholic 16 years or older. I believe in Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. I am striving to live the Gospel message in my daily life by setting a good example to others.

_____ I weekly attend Sunday Mass and receive Holy Communion. I regularly approach the Sacrament of Penance (Confession).

_____ I understand the responsibility I am undertaking, and I will do all in my power to assist the Catholic development of the person I intend to sponsor by the Catholic example of my own life, by my sincere prayers for him/her, and by fostering his/her continued growth in living and l earning the Catholic Faith.

_____ I am not a parent of the Confirmation Candidate, and I am Single _____ Married _____

_____ If married, I am validly married in the Catholic Church and/or my marriage has been convalidated (blessed by the Church).

Parish Information

I am registered at the following parish:_____

Parish Address:_____ City_____ State_____

_____   _____
Sponsor Signature   Date

_____   _____ _____
Printed Name of Priest from registered parish   Priest Signature   Date