**Confirmation Sponsor Requirements**

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To be [permitted](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/7G.HTM) to [take](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/34.HTM) on the [function](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/30.HTM) of [sponsor](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/U8.HTM) a [person](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/Y.HTM) must:

be [designated](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/7Y.HTM) by the one to be [baptized](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/6F.HTM), by the [parents](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/8V.HTM) or the [person](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/Y.HTM) who [takes](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/D9.HTM) their [place](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/2C.HTM), or in their [absence](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/P8.HTM) by the [pastor](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/2R.HTM) or [minister](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/AB.HTM) and have the [aptitude](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/2/W1.HTM) and [intention](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/B2.HTM) of [fulfilling](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/NF.HTM) this [function](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/30.HTM);

have [completed](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/8N.HTM) the [sixteenth](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/1/YK.HTM) [year](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/63.HTM) of [age](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/8S.HTM), unless the [diocesan](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/14.HTM) [bishop](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/T.HTM) has [established](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/2N.HTM) another [age](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/8S.HTM), or the [pastor](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/2R.HTM) or [minister](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/AB.HTM) has [granted](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/5S.HTM) an [exception](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/MA.HTM) for a [just](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/4D.HTM) [cause](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/3U.HTM);

be a [Catholic](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/48.HTM) who has been [confirmed](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/MG.HTM) and has already [received](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/70.HTM) the most [holy](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/3I.HTM) [sacrament](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/6I.HTM) of the [Eucharist](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/8B.HTM) and who leads a [life](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/21.HTM) of [faith](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/5A.HTM) in [keeping](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/OF.HTM) with the [function](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/30.HTM) to be [taken](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/AS.HTM) on;

not be [bound](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/4P.HTM) by any [canonical](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/7D.HTM) [penalty](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/4C.HTM) [legitimately](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/4F.HTM) [imposed](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/F1.HTM) or [declared](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/EI.HTM);

not be the [father](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/ZP.HTM) or [mother](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/UP.HTM) of the one to be [baptized](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/6F.HTM).

A [baptized](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/6F.HTM) [person](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/Y.HTM) who [belongs](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/BX.HTM) to a [non-Catholic](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/UM.HTM) [ecclesial](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/XN.HTM) [community](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/BK.HTM) is not to [participate](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/K1.HTM) except together with a [Catholic](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/48.HTM) [sponsor](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/U8.HTM) and then only as a [witness](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/8T.HTM) of the [baptism](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/56.HTM).