

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH--SEWARD NE**  
**SPONSOR SELECTION AND RECOMMENDATION**

Candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

The selection of a *qualified* sponsor for any sacrament is important. The sponsor must be willing to help encourage the candidate throughout their lives to remain faithful to their baptismal promises, to practice their Catholic Faith and to follow the Ten Commandments and Precepts of the Church. This "spiritual guide" must be selected with careful thought and prayer.

Church law specifies the following qualifications for sponsors: They must be *practicing* Catholics (i.e. going to Mass regularly), at least 16 years old, have themselves received First Communion and been Confirmed. Sponsors need not be of the same sex as the candidate. Parents are not allowed to be sponsors for their children.

To help ascertain that each sponsor meets these requirements, all candidates must ask their chosen sponsor to complete the appropriate section in this form and to obtain a recommendation from their pastor by signing the bottom of this form or by a separate letter.

**TO BE COMPLETED BY SPONSOR:**

Dear Sponsor: Please complete the following items and sign to indicate your agreement to fulfill the spiritual duties involved in being a sponsor:

\_\_\_ I am a registered member of \_\_\_\_\_ Parish

\_\_\_ I am \_\_\_ single \_\_\_ married \_\_\_ divorced or separated \_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I am a practicing Catholic (i.e. attending Mass regularly and fulfilling my religious duties.)

\_\_\_ I have made my First Communion and have been Confirmed.

\_\_\_ If married, my marriage is recognized in the Catholic Church.

\_\_\_ I am not subject to any canonical penalties.

\_\_\_ I am at least 16 years old.

I will, to the best of my ability, fulfill the duties involved as a Confirmation sponsor:

**Sponsor's signature** \_\_\_\_\_

The sponsor must ask **their pastor** to complete the bottom section and recommend them **for this special privilege.**

**PASTOR'S RECOMMENDATION:**

I recommend the above-named person, who is a registered member of our parish, to serve as a sponsor.

**Pastor's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish Name, Town & State** \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return this signed form (**no later than February 3, 2021**) to:

**St. Vincent de Paul Church**  
**CCD Office**  
**152 Pinewood Ave**  
**Seward NE 68434-1047**