



St. Charles Borromeo



Parish Religious Education Program

OCIA Sponsor Registration / Verification Form 2022-2023



Questions? Call the Director of Religious Education at (941) 585-0668 or faithformation@stcbc.org.

Catechumen/Candidate Name _____ Date _____

SPONSOR INFORMATION

Sponsor First Name: _____ MI: _____ Last: _____

Maiden Name (If applicable): _____ Sponsor Age: _____

Sponsor Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Sponsor Email: _____

Sponsor's Parish: _____

Parish City / State: _____

Being a Sponsor is a privilege! This religious commitment challenges the one so honored to be a responsible partner and a good example in mentoring the faith life of the person to be confirmed. The "life of faith" should include full, active and conscious participation in the regular worship of the church, reception of the Eucharist, and celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If married, a sponsor's marriage should be in harmony with church laws. Sponsors should strive to be good examples of our Catholic Christian faith.

In accord with church law (canon 873 & 874) and in accepting responsibility, a sponsor must meet the following requirements:

- A sponsor assists the person who is to receive Baptism and/or Confirmation to lead a Christian life;
- There may be only one male and one female sponsor;
- A sponsor must be designated by the parents of an infant, by an adult himself or herself, or by the Pastor or other cleric who administers the Sacrament;
- A sponsor must have completed his or her 16th year of age;
- A sponsor must have received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist;
- A sponsor must be a practicing Catholic;
- A sponsor must be free of any canonical penalty;
- A mother or father may not be a sponsor for their child; and
- A baptized non-Catholic may only act as a witness where a Catholic sponsor has been designated.

The sponsor should also be available to attend required OCIA events and to guide the Catechumen / Candidate in living the life of faith. **Sponsors cannot be parents.**

- Have you received the Catholic Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation? Yes No
 - Are you: Married Single (Never Married) Widowed Divorced Other: _____
 - If married, was your marriage celebrated as the Sacrament of Matrimony in the Catholic Church or later officially blessed by the Church? Yes No
 - If unmarried do you practice a chaste single life? Yes No
 - Do you regularly participate in Sunday or Vigil Mass and receive Eucharist? Yes No
 - Do you regularly avail yourself of the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Yes No
 - Do you pray regularly? Yes No
 - Do you try to live a moral Catholic life and are you free of any canonical penalty? Yes No
 - Will you do your best to attend important RCIA events and guide your Catechumen / Candidate in living the Catholic Christian life? Yes No
 - Will you present a positive attitude toward the Catholic faith, its people and its teachings? Yes No
-

I understand and accept the responsibility that I undertake as a sponsor, and I promise to be a support and example in my catechumen's / candidate's effort to live a Catholic life that reflects the spirit and teaching of the Catholic Church.

I will also ask my Pastor to send a "Letter of Eligibility" to St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Religious Education Department, 21505 Augusta Avenue, Port Charlotte, Florida 33952.

X _____ **X** _____
Signature of Sponsor Date