CATHEDRAL of CHRIST THE KING

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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, those Catholics who meet the circumstances below **do not qualify to be admitted as a sponsor**:

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 worshiping 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.

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.

Baptism / Confirmation: ☐ Baptism ☐ Confirmation

CHURCH WHERE SACRAMENT WILL OCCUR

CHURCH MAILING ADDRESS

DATE OF SACRAMENT

NAME OF BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE

SPONSOR SIGNATURE

DATE

SPONSOR PHONE NUMBER

SPONSOR EMAIL

Upon completing this form, please mail, fax to (404) 233-4984 or email to awinchell@ctking.com. The letter of eligibility will be sent to the appropriate church.