## **CONFIRMATION SPONSOR FORM**

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	LEGAL NAME & MAIDEN NA	
	Maiden Name	<b>:</b>
PONSOR'S NAME:		
SPONSOR'S EMAIL:		

\*\* This form needs to be completed and returned to Fatima Avila-Ohlsen by December 1st, 2020 <a href="mailto:fohlsen@stignatiussac.org">fohlsen@stignatiussac.org</a>

## **Guidelines on how to choose a Confirmation Sponsor**

In order to help the confirmation Candidates choose an appropriate sponsor, I have taken the following information from the Diocesan Confirmation Guidelines.

- 1. The sponsor represents the larger Catholic Community in the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is the role of the sponsor to assist the parents in enabling the confirmed person to live a full Christian life and to carry out faithfully the commitments of the sacrament,
- 2. In order to underline the connection between baptism and confirmation, as well as the ongoing commitments of sponsorship, the original baptismal Godparent could be invited to be the sponsor for confirmation when this is possible.
- 3. So that the role of sponsorship may be realistically and meaningfully expressed, the designated sponsor <u>should be present</u>, as far as possible, for the celebration of the sacrament. (Canon #892).
- 4. <u>To act as sponsor</u>, a person must be a Catholic who has received all the Sacraments of Initiation, which are Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation, and lives a life consistent with the role being undertaken.
- 5. Since the role of sponsor involves maturity and wisdom in matters of faith, prospective sponsors are to be at least <u>16 years of age</u>.
- 6. There should be <u>a sponsor for each</u> candidate. Male or female sponsors may be chosen without regard to whether the candidate is male or female. **Parents cannot be sponsors for their children**.