

*St. Francis by the Sea Catholic Parish*  
45 Beach City Road, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

*Sponsor Certification Form*  
**Due January 11, 2012**

This is to certify that I, \_\_\_\_\_ of  
Sponsor's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor's home Parish and address

accept the invitation to be a Confirmation Sponsor for \_\_\_\_\_

who will be confirmed at St. Francis by the Sea Catholic Church, Hilton Head Island, SC.

I affirm that I am a baptized and confirmed Catholic (married in the eyes of the Catholic Church ~ if applicable) who participates at Mass weekly and lives my faith to the best of my ability.

I understand that I am witnessing the public commitment by this candidate to the faith of the Catholic Church.

I agree to accept to be a guide and advisor to this candidate, most especially by my own example and witness.

I further agree to take responsibility for this candidate's religious training should circumstances require it.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

← *After reading and completing this form your Pastor must sign and seal it.* →

*Pastor's Certification*

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
Is in good standing in this parish and that he/she meets  
the above requirements for sponsorship at Confirmation.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parish

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State



*Parish Seal*

## *The Role of a Sponsor*

*You have the honor of being chosen as a witness to the confirmand's initiation into full Christian life. Through this sacrament, the confirmed is strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit, made a true witness to Christ in word and deed, and invited more deeply into the life of the Church. Your most significant role in relation to them is to be a role model of such witness and unifying love.*

*Some ways in which you can nurture this spiritual relationship all through life are:*

- ❖ Celebrate this holy day of Confirmation with a visit, call, or card.*
- ❖ Listen to and share the persons maturing struggles and triumphs in living a Catholic life, and keep yourself informed on Catholic Doctrine and values to be able to answer questions when they arise.*
- ❖ Encourage a maturing life of faith through special cards, letters, or gifts which celebrate holy events, such as Christmas, Easter, and other holy Days, along with graduations, special accomplishments, and events in their life. Great gifts would be, a bible, a rosary, a spiritual book, or religious jewelry.*
- ❖ Most importantly, become a model of Catholic living for the person you have sponsored, through daily prayer, virtue, and active participation in parish life and liturgy.*

*By living a Catholic life in partnership with one whom you have sponsored a full Church membership, both of you will experience the great joy of sharing life of faith.*

*Congratulations, and may God bless you!*