



## OLA RCIC SPONSOR REGISTRATION

A sponsor must be a practicing, confirmed Catholic, who is over the age of 16 and sufficiently mature. He/She may not be the candidate's mother or father (Canon 874). The candidate is encouraged to choose someone close by in order to help foster a good relationship. The sponsor should be a person who is prayerful, open, dependable, loving, and is comfortable sharing his or her faith.

**Requirements:** A person must meet the following criteria or they are ineligible to be a sponsor.

- Be a practicing Catholic who attends Mass and receives the Sacraments as prescribed the Church.
- Be a fully initiated Catholic (Received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.)
- If married, must be married in the Catholic Church or have had civil marriage validated by the Catholic Church.
- May not be a parent of the catechumen, (Canon 874)
- Must be Catholic, over the age of 16.

**Role:** The sponsor represents the support and prayer of the entire Church. In this process, the following is asked of the sponsor.

1. Accompany the candidate to the sponsor and RCIC session.
2. Attend the Rite of Acceptance, Rite of Sending, Rite of Elect, Scrutinies, & Easter Vigil rehearsal.
3. Attend the Easter Vigil Mass.
4. Meet with the candidate regularly throughout the preparation process to foster a healthy relationship.
5. Share their faith story with his or her candidate.
6. Spend time getting to know the candidate, possibly taking him or her out to lunch or dinner.
7. Pray for and with the candidate
8. Present the catechumen during the Rites mentioned on #2 and at the Easter Vigil.
9. Continue to be there for the catechumen and lend spiritual support after Easter Vigil is over.

Catechumen's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Sponsor's Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church Sponsor Currently Attends \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

(Turn Over)

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO:  
Mariela Arellano, Adult Formation Coordinator  
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Our Lady of the Assumption  
435 Berkeley Ave, Claremont, CA 91711



**Details of Church Sacraments Received by Sponsor:**

**BAPTISM:**

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City & State: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**CONFIRMATION:**

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City & State: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**MARRIAGE:** Are you married? (circle one) Yes / No  
If yes, were you married in the Catholic Church or had your civil marriage validated by the Catholic Church? (circle one) Yes / No

**SPONSOR COVENANT**

As a Sponsor,

I will provide encouragement and a positive example of a faithful Catholic life by being present to my catechumen, encouraging them to pray and praying for them.

I will keep our contact open so they will be confident that I am available if they have questions, doubts or need someone to talk to.

I will reflect with my life the meaning of Catholic discipleship by displaying Catholic values in my actions and my speech.

I am at least 16 years old, a fully initiated Catholic having received my Sacraments of Initiation in the Catholic Church, actively practicing the Catholic faith by weekly attendance at mass and reception of the Sacraments, if I am married, I am officially, sacramentally, married in the Catholic Church, I am NOT the parent (or step parent) of the person I have been asked to sponsor.

I agree to serve as a sponsor for this catechumen. I understand my role as described above and promise to do my best to fulfill my role. I agree to attend any required RCIA session with my candidate, unless not possible due to distance or work schedule – in which case a family member proxy will stand in my place. I agree to cultivate a relationship with my catechumen during the time of preparation and to serve as spiritual support during this important time in his/her life, as well as in the years to come.

Sponsor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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