## SPONSOR CERTIFICATE GUIDELINES

All Sponsors must turn in a Sponsor Certificate to Julie Bowling, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1905 Portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44223

by January 10, 2023

If the sponsor is NOT a registered active member of a parish in good standing with the Catholic Church, he or she will not be able to obtain the necessary Sponsor Certificate and will not be able to serve as a sponsor. The Sponsor Certificate can be obtained from the parish in which the sponsor is presently registered and active OR the IHM CONFIRMATION SPONSOR CERTIFICATE FORM may be presented at his/her parish for the necessary documentation. Parishes usually have their own form. Either will do.

## How to Obtain a Sponsor Certificate:

- Using the IHM CONFIRMATION SPONSOR CERTIFICATE FORM
  - 1. Take the filled-out form to your home parish.
  - 2. Have the appropriate person there sign it with you and mark it with the parish seal.
  - 3. Return it to Julie Bowling at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1905 Portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44223 (due by 1/10/23).
- Using the Confirmation Sponsor Form provided by your own parish
  - 1. Call your home parish during business hours.
  - 2. Tell them you have been asked to be a Confirmation Sponsor and need a Sponsor Certificate. Note: You must be registered at your parish, have received Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, and be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church.
  - 3. When you have received the certificate, turn it in at the IHM Parish Office to Julie Bowling.
- If you are a registered, participating, and practicing member of IHM
  - 1. Use the IHM CONFIRMATION SPONSOR CERTIFICATE FORM provided to you by the candidate.
  - 2. Fill out all information, sign, and date.
  - 3. Turn the form in to the IHM Parish Office.