

Could You Be an OCIA Sponsor?

A simple guide to help you discern whether you qualify

A sponsor accompanies an OCIA candidate through prayer, encouragement, and the example of faithful Catholic living.

To serve as an OCIA sponsor, you should:

- ☐ Be a Catholic who has been baptized, received First Holy Communion, and been confirmed.
- ☐ Be at least 16 years old and not be the parent of the candidate.
- ☐ Attend Sunday Mass regularly.
- ☐ Believe and follow the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- ☐ If married, be in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.
- ☐ If single, live a chaste life.
- ☐ Be willing to support the candidate through prayer, continued interest, faithful example, and encouragement.
- ☐ Be ready to help the candidate learn and grow in the Catholic faith.

A sponsor's parish must also verify that the sponsor is a registered parishioner and meets the requirements to serve.

Questions? Please contact the Parish Office at (928) 634-2933.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish | 700 N. Bill Gray Road, Cottonwood, AZ 86326 | (928) 634-2933

OCIA Sponsor Qualification Form

Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish

Name of OCIA Candidate: _____

Sponsor Full Name: _____

Complete Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Sponsor Qualifications

Please initial each statement to confirm that it is true.

Initial	Statement
_____	I am a Catholic who has been baptized, received First Holy Communion, and been confirmed.
_____	I am at least 16 years of age and am not the parent of the OCIA candidate.
_____	I regularly attend Sunday Mass.
_____	I believe and follow the teachings of the Magisterium of the Catholic Church.
_____	If married, my marriage has been validated by the Catholic Church, witnessed by a Catholic priest or deacon, or celebrated with the required Church dispensation.
_____	If single, I live a chaste life.
_____	I am committed to supporting the candidate through prayer, continued interest in spiritual growth, and my daily example as a witness of Christ.

I am ready to assist the candidate by encouraging
and teaching the Catholic faith.

Sponsor Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parish Verification

Please submit this form to the sponsor's parish for completion. The parish affirms that the sponsor is a registered member and fulfills the requirements to serve.

Sponsor Parish Name: _____

City and State: _____

Pastor/Authorized Parish Representative:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parish Seal:

Return completed form to Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish.

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