**ST. PIO PARISH**

 **222 McVeagh Rd. 161 Main St.**

**Westbrook, CT 06498 Old Saybrook, CT 06475**

**SPONSOR CERTIFICATE**

Before signing, this form should be read carefully by the prospective Sponsor. It will be given to the Pastor where the Sacrament will be received. It is in lieu of any letter from the Sponsor’s Pastor.

**Relationship, Function and Obligation of a Sponsor**

A Sponsor contracts a *spiritual relationship* with the person being sponsored. This means that the Sponsor pledges to give good example by living and practicing the principles of the Catholic faith in daily life. In addition, the Sponsor will watch over the spiritual growth of the person sponsored by praying for them, by giving spiritual advice, and by contributing to their Catholic moral and religious growth. Therefore, a life-long contact needs to be maintained.

A Sponsor not only acts as a relative or friend, but also as a representative of the Catholic Community, testifying to the faith and intention of the person they sponsor. Therefore, those unaffiliated with the Catholic faith cannot be a sponsor.

**A Recommendation**

The Sponsor is advised, and strongly encouraged, to receive the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist within the week before functioning as a Sponsor.

Before God, on my honor and in good conscience, I declare the following to be true:

\_\_\_\_\_I am aware of the qualifications and obligations of a Sponsor

\_\_\_\_\_I am a practicing member of St. Pio Parish in Westbrook/Old Saybrook, Connecticut

\_\_\_\_\_I have received the three Sacraments of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

\_\_\_\_\_I regularly participate in Sunday Mass and give witness to my faith in Jesus Christ by

regularly receiving Holy Communion.

\_\_\_\_\_I am single \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I am married

\_\_\_\_\_(If Married) I am in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church as valid according to Church law.

\_\_\_\_\_ I accept the privilege and obligations, and agree to be a Sponsor for:

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 Person To Be Sponsored Sacrament to be Received

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 Name of Sponsor Today’s Date

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 Sponsor’s Signature Priest/Parish Representative’s Signature

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