

Confirmation Sponsors

The role of the sponsor is key in the Confirmation process. He/She will serve as teacher, companion, and guide to the Confirmation candidate, not only in word, but also in action by the manner in which his/her own faith is lived out. The sponsor should be someone the candidate can relate to and have actual contact with during the period of preparation.

As a teacher, the sponsor will communicate his/her own experience of the Christian life by sharing the story of faith, both from a personal perspective and the perspective of the Church. As a companion and guide, the sponsor will walk with the candidate through the process of discovery and clarification, while challenging the candidate to respond to the gift of faith. The sponsor, most importantly, will listen to what the candidate has to say.

The sponsor will have a strong and long-lasting influence on the candidate through prayer and encouragement. Afterwards, through example and advice, the sponsor helps guide the confirmed in a life of Christian commitment.

Requirements of the Sponsor

- The sponsor must be an active member of the Catholic Church, at least 16 years old and have sufficient maturity to fulfill their function. The sponsor must be initiated in the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Confirmation. They should be active in their faith by at least weekly participation in the Eucharist. The sponsor will be asked to sign their name attesting to this.
- The sponsor may be one of the candidate's godparents. A parent may NOT sponsor their child, however, they may stand in as a proxy if necessary.
- The sponsor should be someone with whom the candidate is comfortable talking to.

Responsibilities of the Sponsor

- Commitment to a continued renewal of his/her own spiritual life.
- Willingness to give time and support to the candidate before, during, and after celebration of the sacrament.
- Assist candidate in fulfilling their Confirmation requirements.