

ST. THOMAS PARISH CONFIRMATION MINISTRY
MEMO: To Confirmation Candidates RE: SPONSORS

Choosing a sponsor for Confirmation involves an important consideration. Although it is an honor to be chosen sponsor, there is much more to the role than merely being an "honor."

The sponsor - witnesses, prays, and participates at Mass and the sacraments regularly

- *is a real friend, someone whom you can trust and confide in;*
- *one who professes the Catholic Faith, has already been confirmed himself / herself;*
- *someone who is "there" when needed, the kind of person you yourself would like to be;*
- *is a guide, a good "listener" - who is ready to give good advice when asked;*
- *one whose experience as a practicing Catholic is an invaluable source of inspiration for helping you to make decisions about your own life as a Catholic;*
- *takes an interest in the faith formation you are part of and is ready to participate in various aspects of your preparation;*
- *knows you well enough to stand before the parish and say that you are mature enough to make the commitment to renew your Baptismal Promises yourself;*
- *will support you in your free and honest decision to be confirmed as a follower of Christ -receiving the Holy Spirit..*

*It is recommended that the Sponsor be one of the Godparents from Baptism in order to show the unity of the sacraments, since Confirmation completes what was begun at Baptism. However, anyone who meets the requirements above, is at least 16 years of age, and is NOT your parent, may be your Sponsor. *A certificate of eligibility is required from all sponsors (including those from St. Thomas Parish). It must be obtained from their parish church and brought to us as soon as possible.*

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Name of Student: _____
Sponsor's Full Name: _____
Address of Sponsor: _____
Church of Sponsor: _____
Address of Church: _____

*Certificate of Eligibility from Sponsor's parish church should be attached to this form before returning to us.