

CHOOSING YOUR CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

Your faith journey is never one taken alone within the Christian community. Along the way, you make relationships with people who demonstrate what it means to be a Catholic by how they live their life. A Sponsor at Confirmation is a confirmed, practicing Catholic who stands up for you before the faith community, presents you to the Bishop, and witnesses your anointing with the Holy Chrism.

The Sponsor's influence in your life continues long after you receive the Sacrament. Your Sponsor should be someone you can turn to for help and guidance as you continue your spiritual walk in the years ahead. While parents are your first and primary teachers of the faith, they may not serve as your Confirmation sponsor. A Baptismal Godparent would be an excellent choice. Before you ask the individual you have in mind to be your Sponsor, please make sure the following points are true:

- My sponsor is an active, practicing Catholic, who is at least 16 years of age.
- My sponsor has received all three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- My sponsor is in good standing with the Church, believes in the teachings of the Church, and regularly participates in the Sacramental life of the Church.
- My sponsor will support me and encourage me on my journey.
- My sponsor is NOT my parent.

Once you've decided on your Sponsor, please fill out the form below, then take some time to consider:

- a. why this person is the right choice
- b. how they have been a solid example of the Catholic faith for you, and
- c. how they exemplify the faith in their everyday life.

Please share your thoughts in a brief essay. Thinking this through now will help you when it comes time to write your "Letter to the Bishop." When you're finished, scan/save this form and your essay as PDF files (please do not send them as Google Docs) and email them to Michelle Colasante at reled6_10@bedfordcatholic.org (if you are part of a virtual classroom, please "cc" your catechist). If you prefer, you may mail hard copies to Mrs. C c/o St. Michael Parish, 90 Concord Road, Bedford, MA 01730. **This assignment is due on or before Sunday, January 24.**

Your Name _____
First, Middle and Last, please

Name of Your Sponsor _____
First Last

Sponsor's Home Address _____
Street City ST ZIP

Sponsor's Parish Name _____

Sponsor's Parish Address _____
Street City ST ZIP

Sponsor's Email _____