

# ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST

LONDONDERRY, NH

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## Choosing a Confirmation Sponsor

At Baptism, parents provide their children with Godparents to help them on their lifelong journey of faith. As a child completes the Sacraments of Initiation with the reception of Confirmation and First Communion, they are asked to select a sponsor to accompany them as they continue to grow as Christian disciples.

A Confirmation sponsor witnesses the commitment a candidate will make to God and the Church by presenting them to the Bishop. A sponsor will stand beside the newly confirmed as someone who has supported them and who will continue to guide them in the faith.

Diocesan guidelines regulate who may or may not be a sponsor. A Confirmation sponsor may certainly be a Godparent, or another qualified witness who:

1. Is a practicing Catholic who has sufficient maturity for the role;
2. Is a fully initiated Catholic (having been confirmed and received the Eucharist)
3. Takes an active interest in the faith life of the candidate
4. Is at least sixteen years of age
5. Is not a parent of the candidate

The person selected as sponsor should be available to help and encourage the candidate throughout their formative years and beyond. If the person chosen to be a Confirmation sponsor cannot be present at the actual ceremony, a proxy can be obtained. A proxy is an individual that stands in for the sponsor.

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Sponsor's Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_