

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

It is a custom in the Church to provide a guide to assist each person who is going through initiation. The official name for this person is SPONSOR.

The sponsor is there to help answer your questions about the faith and to lead you by example as they guide you closer to the church and to your relationship with Christ. The person you choose to be your sponsor will stand up with you, their right hand on your right shoulder at your Confirmation celebration. This is a sign that the sponsor "has your back" on this journey of faith as you become a full member of the Church, and a disciple of Jesus.

A sponsor must be at least 16 years old who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. A sponsor must also be practicing their Catholic faith by regular, weekly Mass attendance. **A certificate of eligibility is required** for all sponsors from the parish that they attend. (Please understand that a parish priest cannot sign an eligibility form if they do not know who the person is that they are signing for.) ***Be sure the person you choose is able to receive this certificate from their pastor. A sponsor cannot be your mother or father.***

Your present task is to choose a sponsor who can guide you through the process of preparing for Confirmation. Look for a committed Catholic Christian who is an active disciple of Jesus, and a person who is striving to live by gospel values. If the sponsor you choose has been struggling with their faith or feels spiritually inadequate for this role, they might consider this as an invitation from God to recommit and grow in their own faith.

Chances are that you already have someone in mind. In some cases, you may need assistance in finding a committed Christian to fulfill this role. Your teachers or Coordinator of Faith Formation can be of help. ***Just remember this: You're looking for someone who can help you understand what it means to live as a confirmed disciple.*** You need a person with whom you can talk and who is a good example to you of what it means to be a Christian.

CANDIDATES NAME _____
(Student)

MY CONFIRMATION SPONSOR *Required

SPONSOR'S NAME: _____
*(First and Last Name)

STREET ADDRESS: _____

TOWN: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP CODE: _____ *necessary for mailings. We should not have to look these up.)

PHONE NUMBER _____
*(Will contact by phone only if we still need paperwork from them)

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____
*(Preferred way to keep everyone updated)

PRESENT PARISH
WHERE REGISTERED: _____

NAME OF CHURCH AND TOWN

Sponsor needs to be registered at the parish in the community where they live.

College students must be involved in Campus Ministry

Young adults out of college need to register themselves at the parish in the community where they reside.

- "My parents are registered here" does not make you registered

Please complete the reverse side of this form as well.

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