

Choosing a Confirmation Sponsor

1. Sponsors must have received all of the *Sacraments of Initiation*: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist, and must be practicing Catholics.
2. Sponsors must be at least 16 years of age, and may be either male or female.
3. In order to express more clearly the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation, and to make the duty and function of the sponsor more effective, "it is desirable that the godparent at Baptism, if possible, also be the sponsor at Confirmation" (Canon 893.2).
4. According to the directive in Canon 893 and 874.5, neither the father nor the mother of a candidate can be a sponsor. This is because the parents have already accepted the responsibility to raise their teen as a Catholic Christian.
5. If married, the sponsor must be in a marriage that is recognized by the Church.
6. The sponsor should be a person who lives their faith and will provide spiritual leadership and support in addition to what parents already provide to their children. He/she is someone who will challenge the Confirmation candidate to holiness and Christian discipleship.
7. Please have the sponsor's home parish complete a "**Certificate of Sponsorship Form**" and mail it to the St. Peter's School of Religion office no later than **November 3, 2021**.
8. Enter the sponsor's name and full mailing address on the "**Confirmation Registration Form**" and return it to the School of Religion office no later than **November 3, 2021**.
9. The Confirmation sponsor must attend the Confirmation rehearsal, which is usually held the day before the Confirmation liturgy. If available, the sponsor should also attend the Rite of Acceptance Mass (in October).

