

Confirmation Roles and Requirements for Sponsors

A sponsor must be a practicing Catholic, at least sixteen years of age, who has been confirmed and if married, they must have been married in the Catholic Church. Sponsors may not be the parent of the candidate.

Sponsors represent the support and prayers of the whole Church. He/she will be a spiritual friend of the candidates. In this program, the sponsors are asked to do the following:

- Accompany the candidate to sessions that are designed for interaction between the sponsor and the candidate, including practice. If the sponsor lives too far to attend the session, a proxy may attend instead.
- Meet or communicate with the candidate regularly on the process of preparing for Confirmation.
- Share your story of faith with the candidate.
- Pray with and for the candidate.
- Present the candidate to the Bishop during the Confirmation Mass.
- Continue to be there for the candidate to provide spiritual support throughout the life of the candidate

Sponsors will provide all the following documents to the Confirmation Coordinator in a timely fashion:

- Send an official copy of your certificate of Confirmation.
(If confirmed at St. Pius X, sponsors can present the date of confirmation for verification.)
- Sponsors belonging to parishes other than St. Pius X needs a letter from their pastor to verify that the sponsor is active and capable of being a sponsor.
- If married, it must be a valid Catholic marriage and a copy of the marriage certificate issued by the Church must be provided (not the state marriage license).