

Choosing a Sponsor/Mentor - A sponsor/mentor will help you grow in your faith in the final year of preparation for the sacrament. When choosing a sponsor/mentor, reflect on Catholic adults in your life who you respect and admire. A sponsor/mentor is someone who not only journey's through the preparation process with you, but they also serve as a role model in the faith

Sponsor Responsibility - Candidates and sponsors/mentors are encouraged to meet on a regular basis (min. of 6 times) during the preparation period. Use this time to discuss your faith journey, to explore prayer practices, and to engage in service together. Because of the expectation on sponsors to participate in a number of preparation events, consider asking someone local, maybe even from Holy Family or St. Joseph the Worker to serve as your mentor. Your Sponsor can still walk with you at the Rite of Confirmation.

When choosing a Sponsor/Mentor, be aware that they:

- ✚ Must be a confirmed Catholic,
- ✚ Must be over the age of 18,
- ✚ Must be a member of a parish and living in communion with the church,
- ✚ Parents may not be sponsors or mentor for their own children, grandparents can.
- ✚ Must be the choice of the Candidate, and should be asked by the Candidate
- ✚ Can be the Candidate's Baptismal Sponsor/Godparent.

Sponsors need to attend several events with their candidates:

- ✓ **Attend Rite of Enrollment** - Sponsor and Candidate meeting before Rite of Enrollment
- ✓ **Meet with Candidate** a minimum of 6 times to complete work book
- ✓ **Attend Confirmation Rehearsal**
- ✓ **Attend the Rite of Confirmation**