

Student Name: _____

Due: October 20 or 23

A Letter of Good Standing is required for a Sponsor.

A Letter of Good Standing is a letter that the Sponsor receives from the Catholic Church where the sponsor is registered as a parishioner. Please bring the letter to the Youth Ministry Office. If it is mailed, make sure the name of the Confirmation candidate is on the Letter.

Sponsor Interview Form

Sponsor Full Name: _____ Phone Number _____

Sponsor Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Start your meeting by praying together.

1. How do you pray?

Candidate:

Sponsor:

2. Do you have a favorite place to pray or a favorite time to pray?

Candidate:

Sponsor:

3. Do you ever find it difficult to pray? Who or what do you usually pray for?

Candidate:

Sponsor:

4. Do you regularly participate in service projects or volunteer opportunities at your parish, work, or in your neighborhood? Describe what you do and how it impacts your life.

Candidate:

Sponsor:

5. Where do you turn to or what resources do you use when you find that you do not know an answer to a question about your faith?

Candidate:

Sponsor:

6. Tell me about your relationship with God.

Candidate:

Sponsor:

7. Who has been a good role model for you to live according to your Catholic faith? What has he/she taught you or shown you? How has he/she deepened your faith?

Candidate:

Sponsor:

8. In what ways do you think you still need to grow in your Catholic faith?

Candidate:

Sponsor:

9. Candidate ONLY: Why did you ask this person to be your sponsor?

Candidate:

Sponsor:

10. Sponsor ONLY: Why did you agree to be a Sponsor?

Candidate:

Sponsor:

11. How are you both going to help support and help each other in preparation for Confirmation?

Candidate:

Sponsor:

Qualifications for Sponsors

Congratulations! You have chosen a Sponsor for Confirmation. Can you answer “Yes” to all of these questions?

- My sponsor is 16 years or older.
- My sponsor is not my mom or dad.
- My sponsor is a practicing Catholic.
- My sponsor attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- My sponsor receives the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) at least once a year.
- My sponsor receives Holy Communion at least once a year during Easter season.
- My sponsor observes days of fast and abstinence (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. In addition, Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.)
- My sponsor provides for the needs of the church (Examples: giving my time to the church/volunteering, giving money to the church/tithing, giving my talents to the church/serving with your gifts and abilities).
- If my sponsor is married, he or she is married in the Catholic Church.
- If my sponsor was married civilly, his or her marriage is convalidated by the Catholic Church
- If my sponsor is single, he or she is not living with someone.

Please involve your parents in the decision of whom you should choose to be your sponsor.

Confirmation Sponsor - FAQs

WHO SHOULD I CHOOSE AS A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR?

It is desirable that the godparent at Baptism, if present, also be the sponsor at Confirmation. Whether your sponsor is your godparent or another person you choose, they must be someone whom you know that is a practicing Catholic. If the person you are going to choose is married, they should be married in the Catholic Church. If they have been divorced and are remarried, they need to have had their marriage blessed by the Church.

WHAT QUALITIES SHOULD YOU LOOK FOR IN A SPONSOR?

Someone that you feel is trying to be closer to Christ and His Church, someone that you admire for one or more of their virtues (i.e. goodness, kindness, patience, peace, perseverance). Someone you feel will support you through their presence in your life, by their prayers, spiritual support, and by interest in your life in various experiences or events.

WHY DO I NEED A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR?

You need a sponsor to be a role model, an example, someone who will be in your corner, caring about you and praying for you. The way the saints became saints was by learning from other holy people, namely other saints. They were individuals that wanted to be good, please God, and someday go to heaven. St. Therese of Lisieux said, "to be a saint, you can't be half a saint". Your sponsor is your guide. When you go on a journey you have to plan where to go, what to take, who to go with, and how you're going to get there. Your sponsor will be the person who will help you to grow in your Faith, guide you in what steps you need to take to do that, make suggestions to help you in the right direction for your life, and ultimately be with you and God in heaven.