

CHOOSING A SPONSOR

The choice of a sponsor for Confirmation is a very important one. It is an honor to be chosen as a sponsor, but there is much more to it than simply being honorary.

The sponsor should be a Catholic Christian who (1) witnesses faith, prays, and celebrates Mass and the sacraments regularly; (2) is a real friend, someone in whom you can confide and trust, someone who is "there" when needed; (3) the kind of person who is ready to listen and to give advice when asked and whose experiences as a practicing Catholic are invaluable resources in helping you to make decisions about your own life as a Catholic; (4) who takes an interest in, and as much as possible, accepts your invitations to attend special liturgies or practices during your Confirmation preparation; (5) who knows you well enough to stand beside you, when the time comes, and attest that you are freely choosing to confirm your faith. (6) Most importantly, your sponsor should be a Confirmed Catholic, a person of faith, who tries to live a Catholic Christian life, and who will share that faith with you.

We ask that you choose someone other than your parent to be your sponsor since parents already have a great role and responsibility for your life. By choosing another person for this role, you are creating a special relationship on which you can rely for support. Since Confirmation completes what is begun at Baptism, you might consider your baptismal godparent as a choice for Confirmation sponsor.

After you have received a favorable response from the person who will be your sponsor, please fill in the information below and bring it with you to class. We will then write to your sponsor, welcoming them and explaining their responsibilities. We will be praying that the Holy Spirit will guide you as you choose this special person, and that your sponsor will be led by this same Spirit to accept this role with prayer and responsibility.

Please detach and return to your small group teacher.

Please Print:

CANDIDATE'S NAME:

SPONSOR'S NAME:

STREET/P.O. BOX:

TOWN/STATE/ZIP:

SPONSOR'S PARISH: