

REQUIREMENTS FOR SPONSORS FOR CONFIRMATION

1. Confirmation students are only allowed to have one Confirmation sponsor. The exception is if the same godparents from baptism are the sponsored, then in this instance two sponsors are allowed.
2. Parents cannot be their child's Sponsor because the role of parent has their own important role in the formation of the students.
3. Sponsors must be practicing, fully initiated (baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist) Catholic in good standing. The sponsor must be a person of faith, who actively participates in the liturgical life of the Church (i.e. attends Sunday Eucharist, married in the church etc).
4. There cannot be any canonical issues with preventing the sponsor from receiving communion and serving in the role as a sponsor. This includes, if the sponsor is married, they must be married in the Catholic church.
5. The sponsor should be of an age (age 16 or older) and living proximity that will enable the sponsor to be present to the candidate as he/she grows in the life of faith.

Additional Expectations:

1. It is expected that sponsors receive the Eucharist along with the student at the Confirmation Mass. If necessary, the sponsor should plan to participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation in the weeks prior to the Confirmation Mass with their own parish priest.
2. The sponsors should also be appropriately dressed at the Confirmation Mass, since in their role they are an official representative of the Church. Men should wear Dress Shirt/Tie and Jacket. Women should wear a skirt or dress of appropriate length or a dress pants suit. Attire should be church appropriate.