

The Confirmation Sponsor And Their Role

Candidates, with help from their parents, are responsible for choosing a sponsor. It is recommended that the baptismal sponsor be the confirmation sponsor, if possible. To choose the same sponsor expresses more clearly the connection between Baptism and Confirmation. The relationship between the sponsor and candidate becomes a more effective one.

Church law states that the sponsor must be a confirmed Catholic, who has received Holy Eucharist *and is living according to the Catholic Faith*. A parent CANNOT be a sponsor. The sponsor will be asked to give assurance of his or her qualifications.

Sponsors not only help and guide the candidate through the time of preparation, but through out life. It is called upon the sponsor to help the candidate live up to and fulfill their commitment of the sacrament. A sponsor takes on a lifelong commitment.

A sponsor is expected to take an active role in the Confirmation program and meet with their candidate many times before the sacrament is received. There must be a willingness to give of time, in faith sharing and development in the candidate's Catholic Faith. (If a sponsor lives too far, is too young, and is too busy to devote proper time and care to the candidate, they would not be able to fulfill this role.)

A sponsor will assist parents through out the preparation for Confirmation.

1. Prayer/doctrine
2. Service projects
3. Review/Test
4. Class Assignments
5. Retreat experiences
6. Sharing Faith

The Sacrament of Confirmation April 19, 2020 @ SS Peter & Paul Church, North Branch @ 10:30 am Mass

We trust and pray that after prayerful consideration each sponsor accept the invitation seriously and will continue to be a model of Christ for each of their candidates. May God bless each sponsor with many graces during this time of special ministry.