

SPONSOR INFORMATION

A sponsor accompanies a candidate for Confirmation. It is the sponsor's responsibility to continue to help the candidate along the road of Christian life, to safeguard and develop the grace given at Baptism and sealed with the Holy Spirit at Confirmation (CCC 1320).

To be a sponsor, one must:

- Be chosen by the candidate, parents or guardian, or in their absence, by the pastor or minister
- Have the intention of performing this role
- Be at least 16 years of age
- Not be the father or mother of the candidate
- Firmly believe and accept all teachings of the Catholic Church
- Have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation
- Attend Mass regularly and receive the Eucharist on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
- Not be bound by any canonical penalty imposed or declared
- If married, the marriage is recognized as a valid Sacrament by the Church

It is desirable that the one who undertook the role of **godparent at baptism** be the sponsor for Confirmation; (Code of Canon Law 893.2), although it is not necessary.

If the chosen sponsor is unable to be present at the Confirmation ceremony, a proxy may stand in their place. Proxies must meet all of the same requirements listed above and may not be a parent.

A letter of eligibility or sponsor certificate must be obtained from the pastor of the sponsor's home parish and submitted to the Faith Formation Office along with the Confirmation Registration Form.

