

Role & Responsibilities of Sponsors

Go, and make disciples of all nations. – Matthew 28:19

Being a Sponsor for Confirmation is a deep, loving, and serious commitment. By agreeing to be a Sponsor you are pledging yourself to love and support your candidate. It is a great honor and responsibility to be asked to serve a listener and guide on another's faith journey. Rest assured this does not mean you have to be perfect or have all the answers. You just need to be willing to be present to your candidate and their questions.

Requirements for Sponsor:

1. Be chosen by the candidate;
2. Be 17 years of age or older;
3. Be a fully initiated practicing Catholic (all three sacraments of initiation)
4. Not be the father nor mother of the one to be confirmed;

A Confirmation Sponsor should be prepared to:

- Support their candidate in their commitment to the Catholic Christian life.
- Get to know the candidate more deeply.
- Spend time with or talk with your candidate regularly.
- Be present in the life of their candidate.
- Serve as a strong and life-long model of the Christian life to their candidate.
- Continue to explore own faith.
- Encourage their candidate to explore their Catholic Christian identity.
- Accompany their candidate to Mass and other Liturgical celebrations.
- Aid their candidate as they discern their readiness to celebrate their Confirmation.
- Help determine their candidate's readiness to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Be prepared to share with and listen to your candidate.
- Pray for yourself and your candidate.
- Attend and actively participate in the seven (6) Confirmation preparation session with the candidate. A parent may attend if you are unable.