

How to Choose a Sponsor

Some items to consider when deciding whom you will ask to sponsor you on your journey toward becoming a confirmed Catholic Christian:

1. Notice which of the Catholic Christians you know exemplify for you what it means to be a full, active member of the Catholic Church.
2. Consider someone with whom you are comfortable developing a relationship as you move through the Confirmation process; with whom you will be willing and able to talk about what you are learning about yourself, others, God, and Church; someone who will help you recognize your gifts and encourage you to use them.
3. Consider someone who can be available to you through the Confirmation process, not just on the day of the Confirmation ceremony. You will be asked to engage in at least one service activity with your sponsor.
4. One of the godparents at your Baptism may also serve as the sponsor for Confirmation. Neither of your parents cannot serve as your Confirmation sponsor.
5. Sponsors need to meet all of the following three requirements:
 - ✓ The sponsor is sufficiently mature to serve in this role.
 - ✓ The sponsor is a member of the Catholic Church who has received all of the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist).
 - ✓ The sponsor leads a life in harmony with the faith and teachings of the Catholic Church.
6. Invite your sponsor to a meeting for Confirmation candidates and their sponsors on **Sunday, November 5**, at 5:00 PM, and to the Rite of Enrollment that will take place at the 6PM Mass following the meeting.
7. Give your sponsor the Confirmation Sponsor Commitment Form, which must be returned to the parish office **before November 5, 2017.**

Confirmation Sponsor Information

Things you can do:

1. Ask your candidate about the Quest Speaker Events and Group Service Opportunities.
2. Encourage your candidate to be present and participate in the events.
3. Come on Sunday, November 5th to a 5pm meeting with your candidate, followed by the Rite of Enrollment at the 6pm Mass that evening.
4. Assist your candidate next March in completing his/her application for the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation.
5. Attend the Confirmation practice in church on Friday, April 20th at 7pm for the 10am Confirmation celebration and 8pm for the 2pm Confirmation celebration (candidates will be assigned to a specific time in January). Confirmation is April 21st for all candidates who have met all aspects of the preparation process and have submitted the application for the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation.
6. Pray for and with your candidate. Attend Mass together whenever possible.
7. Engage in a service opportunity with your candidate.
8. Take an active interest in the overall life of your candidate.

Sponsor's Prayer

*Welcoming Lord, stand by me.
Favor me with insight into hearts hungry for welcome,
hospitality to accept and respect the gifts they bear,
generosity to share my gifts,
and faith to share the gift that is You.
Fill me with your powerful Spirit
that I might lead, guide, sponsor and support.
Speak your loving word to me
and to the one I sponsor along the way.
And when I don't know what to say, keep me quiet Lord,
And let your Spirit do the talking.
Amen.*