

## Choosing A Sponsor

The sponsor has an important role in Confirmation – supporting the candidate and the candidate’s parents as the candidate prepares for Confirmation. Recognizing this important role, the Church requires that a sponsor meet several requirements necessary to fill this role in a young person’s life. A Sponsor must be...

- A minimum of 16 years of age
- a fully initiated Catholic (has received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist)
- a practicing member of the Catholic Church

These requirements are aimed at making sure that a sponsor is more mature, informed, and experienced in the ways of our faith and culture than the candidate.

Ideally a sponsor will also be...

- already have a trusting relationship with the candidate
- is willing to meet regularly with the candidate in preparation for Confirmation
- is willing and prepared to accompany the candidate on his or her lifelong faith journey
- is willing to share his or her faith with the candidate
- is an open, honest, caring, committed, and encouraging person who will help the candidate grow in his or her understanding and practice of the faith

This decision is an important one, that should be taken seriously and considered through discernment and prayer. Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as you discern this commitment and ask your prospective Sponsor to do the same before accepting your invitation.

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Forms are due **October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

1. Sponsor Form (required)
2. Sponsor Verification Form (only necessary if Sponsor is NOT a Holy Spirit parishioner)
  - a. Requires signature and seal of your Sponsor’s home parish priest.