

Confirmation Preparation

Sponsor Information

A sponsor must be a practicing, confirmed Catholic, who is at least 16 years of age. He/She may not be the candidate's mother or father. A godparent is a good choice. The candidate is encouraged to choose someone close by. The sponsor should be a person who is prayerful, open, dependable, loving, and is comfortable sharing his or her faith with young people.

Role
The sponsor represents the support and prayer of the entire Church. He/she will be the candidate's "spiritual friend." In this program, the following is asked of the sponsor:

- Attend the Confirmation Rehearsal.
- Attend the Liturgy of Confirmation.
- Meet regularly throughout this year of preparation and to discuss the topics addressed in the preparation sessions.
- Share their faith story with his or her candidate.
- Spend time getting to know the candidate, possibly taking him or her out to lunch or dinner, or having him or her over to your home.
- Pray for and with the candidate.
- Present the candidate during the Confirmation Rite.
- Continue to be there for the candidate and lend spiritual support after the Confirmation ceremony is over. (Suggestion: Send a card or note every year on the anniversary of his/her Confirmation.)

Confirmation Candidate's Name: _____

Sponsor's Full Name: _____

Sponsor's Relationship to Candidate: _____

Sponsor's Address: _____

Sponsor's Email: _____ Sponsor's Phone: _____

Sponsor's Date and Location of Baptism: _____

Sponsor's Date and Location of Confirmation: _____

Sponsor's Current Parish and Pastor: _____

I am a practicing Catholic in both word and deed: Yes No

I am a fully initiated Catholic received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist):

Yes No I am single married divorced widowed

If married and Catholic, were you married in the Catholic Church (i.e., before a priest and two witnesses or with a dispensation from the Bishop)? Yes No

If you answered "no" to any of the above statements, you are ineligible to serve as a godparent or sponsor at this time.

Sponsor's Agreement

I agree to serve as a sponsor for _____. I understand my role as described on the Sponsor Information sheet, which I have received from the candidate and read. I agree to have the required discussions with my candidate. I agree to cultivate a relationship with my candidate during the year of preparation for his/her confirmation and to serve as spiritual support during this important time in his/her life, as well as in the years to come.

- Sponsors need to have several conversations with their candidate throughout their preparation process.
- Sponsors need to attend the Confirmation Rehearsal.
- Sponsors need to be present at the Confirmation ceremony.

Signature of Sponsor

Date