

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR INFORMATION

The Catechism (#1311) and Canon Law (#892-893) both tell us that you need a sponsor. A sponsor is someone who will be a companion along the Confirmation journey – someone who will accompany and guide the Candidate through preparation into participation beyond Confirmation. This person, if chosen well, will make the process of getting ready for Confirmation a little easier and even more fun, as together you grow in sharing your faith stories.



Some advice to the Candidates: You're looking for someone you trust, whose faith you admire and who will be there for you as a good role model. The requirements for someone you choose as a sponsor are that they be confirmed Catholics, at least 16 years old and practicing members of a Catholic Church, while not being one of your parents. This means that you can choose a relative (other than a parent), friend, or someone from your parish as your sponsor.

A Sponsor Must Be...

- Sufficiently mature to fulfill their function, and have completed their sixteenth year
- A member of the Catholic Church and have received the Sacraments of initiation; Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
- A practicing Catholic freed from any impediment (ie: if married, married in the Catholic Church) of law to their fulfilling the office of sponsor
- Not the parent of the Confirmation Candidate

A Sponsor Should Be...

- Someone who is a role model of how a person lives their faith in everyday life
- A friend or relative who knows you and can witness to your maturing faith
- A guide, confidant, and a listener
- Someone interested in learning with you on your faith journey
- Someone who will continue to support and encourage you after Confirmation to become more fully involved in your faith life

Pray about it, and when you think you have the right person, ask him or her to help you grow in faith by serving as your sponsor!

For St. John's files and for your Confirmation Certificate, we must have the following information:

- **Sponsor Name**
- **Sponsor's Mailing Address**
- **Sponsor's Home Parish Name**
- **Certificate/Letter of Eligibility* (if not a St. John's parishioner)**

**When you select your sponsor, he or she must send a letter or certificate of eligibility from his/her home parish to the St. John Youth Ministry office before the beginning of class sessions.
Most parishes will gladly provide this document upon request to the parish office.*