

Sponsor Information and Form

A Sponsor must be a practicing, confirmed Catholic, who is at least 21 years of age. The only exception to this would be an older sibling that is Confirmed. 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.

1. Accompany the candidate to the sponsor and candidate session, which is specifically designed for sponsor/candidate interaction.
2. Sponsors are encouraged to attend the Mass welcoming the candidates back from their weekend retreat.
3. Sponsors need to attend the Confirmation rehearsal.
4. Attend the Liturgy of Confirmation.
5. To meet with the candidate regularly throughout this year of preparation and to discuss the topics addressed in the preparation sessions.
6. Share their faith story with his or her candidate.
7. 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.
8. Pray for and with the candidate.
9. Present the candidate during the Confirmation Rite.
10. 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 Name: _____

Sponsor's Relationship to Candidate: _____

Sponsor's Address: _____

Sponsor's City, State & Zip: _____

Sponsor's Telephone
Number: _____

Sponsor's Church: _____

City and State of Sponsor's Church: _____

Name of Pastor at Sponsor's Church: _____

Year and place of Sponsor's Confirmation: _____

Sponsor's Agreement

I agree to serve as a sponsor for this Confirmation candidate. I understand my role as described on the Sponsor Information sheet, which I have received from the candidate and read. I agree to attend the required session with my candidate, unless not possible due to distance, work schedule, or if I was asked after the session - in which case a family member proxy will stand in my place. I agree to cultivate a relationship with my candidate during this 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 be present at the Sponsor/Candidate session.
- Sponsors need to attend the Confirmation rehearsal.
- Sponsors need to be present at the Confirmation ceremony.
- Sponsors need to meet monthly with their candidate December through April.

Signature of Sponsor _____

Date _____
