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Confirmation Sponsors Registration Information

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A sponsor is a person chosen by the candidate as a mentor in the process of full initiation into the Catholic Church. The sponsor's role is to walk the journey of faith as a companion to the youth being fully initiated. This person should have established good rapport with and be easy to talk to for the young person.

Requirements for a sponsor:

1. Be chosen by the candidate;
2. Be 16 years of age or older;
3. Be a fully initiated (all three sacraments of initiation) practicing Catholic in good canonical standing who participates in Sunday liturgy, leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken and is willing and able to participate in the Eucharist with his/her candidate;
4. Not be the father nor mother of the one to be confirmed;
5. Ideally be the baptismal sponsor so that the link between Baptism and Confirmation is expressed clearly; but it does not have to be.
6. Be close enough in age and geography as to be able to maintain appropriate contact with the candidate before and after Confirmation.

Role of the sponsor:

7. Model how a person of faith lives in today's world;
8. A friend who knows the candidate, and can witness to the maturing faith of the candidate before the community;
9. Guide, confidante, and listener;
10. A learner who is interested in his/her faith development as he/she walks in the faith journey of the candidate;
11. A mentor who will continue after Confirmation to walk the faith journey with the candidate and invite the candidate into fuller participation in parish life and service.

Sponsors are expected to:

12. Attend a sponsor orientation meeting;
13. Attend specific rehearsals;
14. Participate in all formal liturgical rites and rehearsals in the Confirmation process, including, of course, the Confirmation mass itself;
15. Meet / talk regularly with the candidate outside of sessions, to encourage and to assist him/her to grow in knowledge, in prayer, in service, in worship, and in participation in the parish community.

If you have been asked to be a sponsor of a Candidate, it means that you hold a special place in their faith lives. Please consider this carefully.

