

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR GUIDELINES

The Role of the Sponsor

A sponsor's role is to guide the Confirmation candidate in his final journey towards full initiation into the Catholic Church. The sponsor should answer the candidate's questions about the Church and help him to get to know the parish community better. It is the sponsor's duty to affirm the candidate's readiness and commitment to witness the Catholic Christian life, and to present the candidate to the parish.

The sponsor should help the candidate grow in faith and their relationship with Jesus.

The sponsor acts as a mentor and role model. A sponsor helps the candidate become more familiar with the Catholic faith. Candidates should have a good relationship with their sponsor and be able to talk freely with them about their life and faith.

Requirements for Sponsors

- **Must provide a Sponsor Certificate attached to the Sponsor Form**
- Must be at least 16 years old
- Must have received the Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation
- Must give witness to their Catholic faith in Jesus by regularly receiving Him in Holy Communion and attending Penance
- Be willing to give their support and guidance to the Confirmation Candidate