

CONFIRMATION: The Sponsor

The Church requires that the sponsor for Confirmation be:

- an exemplary Catholic who is himself/herself already confirmed
- has received the Eucharist
- is at least 16 years old.

The candidate for Confirmation should not select their parent as a sponsor. Only one person may act as your sponsor during the Confirmation liturgy.

It is recommended (but not necessary) that the candidate take as a sponsor one of the godparents who represented them at Baptism. The sponsor need not be of the same gender as the candidate.

The role of sponsor is not an honorary status, but one carrying real obligations. The sponsor is to be the one who gives the right example - - a model - - one who can and should be looked up to, someone involved in the spiritual formation of the candidate. The function of the sponsorship is adjunctive, to assist parents in the Christian upbringing of their children. Sponsors represent the larger faith community of the Catholic Church as it supports parents and candidates.

If the person you choose to be your sponsor cannot attend the liturgy itself, arrangements should be made to have someone else to be his/her proxy, i.e. to stand in the place of your sponsor.

1. Whom will you ask to be your sponsor?

2. Why do you want this person?

3. Write a letter to or call the person, asking him/her to be your sponsor and stating why he/she is the person of your choice.

Canon 879 The sacrament of Confirmation impresses a character and by it the baptized, continuing on the path of Christian initiation, are enriched by the gift of the Holy Spirit and bound more perfectly to the Church; it strengthens them and obliges them more firmly to be witness to Christ by word and deed and to spread and defend the faith.

Canon 892 As far as possible a sponsor for the one to be confirmed should be present; it is for the sponsor to see that the confirmed person acts as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations connected with this sacrament.

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Please print clearly

Your Name: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's Address: _____
Complete Street Address

City State Zip Code

Please return this form to the Religious Education Office