

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR COMMITMENT GUIDELINES

A Confirmation sponsor is a witness to the commitment that the candidate is making to Christ. The sponsor presents the candidate to the Bishop and stands with him/her at the anointing of the Holy Spirit during Confirmation Mass. In choosing a sponsor, the candidate for the reception of Confirmation should select a person with the characteristics listed below.

1. The sponsor may be a man or a woman, but not a parent, and must be at least 16 years old.
2. It is recommended that the candidate's baptismal godparent serve as his/her sponsor, thus emphasizing more clearly the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation.
3. The sponsor must be confirmed, practice his/her faith by regular attendance at Sunday Mass and regularly receive the Eucharist. The sponsor leads a life in harmony with the Catholic faith.
4. The sponsor should be an active participant in the preparation and formation of the candidate. A commitment of meeting with the candidate at least three times during Confirmation preparation and remaining as an involved mentor with the candidate after the celebration of Confirmation is expected. If distance is an issue for these meeting requirements, please contact Jenny Brooks to discuss workable arrangements.
5. While it is possible to be a sponsor if divorced or remarried, please contact Father Peter for specific guidance in this case.

**CONFIRMATION SPONSOR VERIFICATION FORM
TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE SPONSOR**

To whom it may concern:

- I am a Confirmed, practicing Catholic and am in good standing with the Catholic Church.
- I have carefully read the guidelines for sponsors.

I realize the importance of my good example and I accept the responsibility as a Confirmation sponsor for _____.

(Confirmation Candidate's Name)

SPONSOR'S PRINTED NAME _____

SPONSOR'S SIGNATURE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE/TEXT _____

EMAIL _____