

## Choosing a Sponsor

The choice of a Sponsor for Confirmation is a serious decision that requires prayer, reflection, and thought. The person chosen has a **religious responsibility** to the person and is expected to be a practicing Catholic and Catholic role model for the Confirmation Candidate. (Consult canons 873 & 874 in the Catechism). This is a **life-long responsibility**. A Sponsor should not be chosen without sufficient reflection and thought and after reviewing the requirements listed below:

- The Sponsor should be 16 years of age or older.
- The Sponsor must have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, & Holy Communion).
- The Sponsor is expected to be a practicing Catholic. This **must include** an ongoing weekly (regular) attendance at Mass. Does the Sponsor go to the Sacrament of Confession regularly?
- The Sponsor is expected to be formally registered in a parish and participating in the life of that parish. A letter is required from their Pastor stating that one fulfills these requirements. (Note: If they are in college, this letter would come from the Catholic Newman Center at their college.)
- If the Sponsor is married, one's marriage must be recognized as valid by the Catholic Church. Catholics in a civil marriage may not be sponsors.
- The Sponsor should not deliberately practice any behavior that is contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church. In other words, a Sponsor must "lead a life in harmony with the Faith and the role to be undertaken."
- Parents can **never** serve as a Confirmation Sponsor for their child.

### Confirmation Sponsor Information Form ---- \_\_\_\_\_

Once your Candidate has chosen a Sponsor, please complete the enclosed Confirmation Sponsor Information Form and return it to Mr. Fagde! \_\_\_\_\_ We will then send a letter to the Pastor of the parish in which the Sponsor is registered seeking their affirmation that they are formally registered and participating in the life of the parish. Your Sponsor will also be sent a letter where they will affirm that they are in compliance with the requirements to be a Sponsor that are listed above.

Please note that without the letter from their Pastor and the Sponsor signing off on the Sponsor requirements, they will be unable to serve as your child's Sponsor.

Thank you in advance for returning the Confirmation Sponsor Information Form!

## Confirmation Sponsor Information Form -

Candidate's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Please completely fill out the following information regarding your Sponsor.

Sponsor's Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Sponsor's Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Mother's Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Complete Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Sponsor is a participating, registered member of:

Full name of Catholic Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Church: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

We will contact the sponsor's church office for the verification needed. It is absolutely necessary that the full name, address, city, state and zip code of that parish and of your sponsor be provided to us.

We must have the **full LEGAL name** of the sponsor to be included. (Example: If he goes by Bob, is his legal name Robert? Therefore, you would provide us with Robert instead of Bob. If she goes by Sue, is her legal name Susan? Therefore, you would provide us with Susan instead of Sue.)

**Return this form**