

Choosing a Sponsor for your Confirmation

Walking in faith is not a path that we are called to walk alone. While Christ is always with us, it is important that we also have the prayers and support of those around us. A sponsor will walk with you on this journey of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation and beyond.

Reflect on who in your life has nurtured your faith, or who is a model of how a person of faith lives in the world today. Think of someone in your family, church, school, friends of your parents, or other relationship. Think of someone whose faith life you admire, or who you would be comfortable having a conversation about matters of faith.

Most importantly, think of someone who will walk the faith journey with you even after you have received the sacrament. Being a sponsor is not a "once and done" event. It should be someone you can continue to engage with throughout your lifetime as a guide, a confidant, and a listener.

In order to serve as a sponsor, a person must:

- Understand and take seriously his/her own baptismal promises
- Have completed the initiation process of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation in the Catholic Church
- Currently be an actively practicing Catholic:
 - Attends Sunday Mass on Sundays and receives the sacraments regularly
 - Teaches the faith by personal example
 - Leads a moral Life
- Must be at least 16 years old
- **Must NOT be the parent** of the individual being confirmed
- May be the baptismal godparent

A sponsor is asked to:

- Actively support and encourage the pilgrim
- Pray for and with the pilgrim
- Act as a faith mentor and guide
- Be involved in the sacramental process, including these actions:
 - Obtain a letter from his/her parish that he/she is a Catholic in good standing
 - Attend the designated required class sessions
 - Write a letter on behalf of the pilgrim
 - Attend the Confirmation rehearsal and the Confirmation Mass/Ceremony

You need to have chosen your sponsor before the May 15 meeting.

You will be given specific activities to do with your sponsor before classes begin in September.

GREEN FORM
Due May 15, 2018

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
2018 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Sponsor Choice

My sponsor's name is _____

He/she belongs to _____ Parish.

I chose him/her because _____

***NOTE - Additional sponsor information should be filled out by your sponsor on a separate form and handed in at the May Meeting.**