



Choosing a Confirmation Sponsor

Confirmation candidates are asked to choose a sponsor who is to be a Christian mentor for the young person preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation- to nurture and support their faith, to pray for them, to continue to be a witness to the Gospel message, and to be present to the young person. Your sponsor must be a practicing Catholic who is of 18 years of age, confirmed in the Catholic Church, and registered at a parish. Your sponsor cannot be your parent.

Please prayerfully consider who you will ask to journey with you. Your sponsor will be asked to participate in our Confirmation liturgy and rehearsal; however, they do not have to live nearby for you to choose them (you can ask someone to stand in for them in they are unable to attend).

The sponsor must also be a registered parishioner at a parish. If your sponsor belongs to a parish other than the Basilica, they will need to have a Sponsor Certificate signed by the pastor of their parish & handed in to the Basilica ensuring that the sponsor is a practicing member of their parish. You may find it online at www.thebasilica.org/confirmation-preparation (scroll to the bottom).