



Sponsor Packet

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Due Dates

By December 9

Name one or two people you are considering for your sponsor and briefly describe why.

By January 13

Who have you chosen to be your sponsor? Why?
Sponsor Agreement and hand written responses to interview questions also due.



CANDIDATE'S GUIDE TO CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

To be qualified to be a Confirmation sponsor an individual must:

- 1) Be at least sixteen years old (by date of Confirmation).
- 2) Have been initiated in the Catholic Church through the three sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
- 3) Be in good standing with the Church:

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) lays the precepts or norms of life as a faithful Catholic. They are as follows: Honor the Lord on Sundays by actively participating at Mass and resting from work that impedes sanctification of these days; Participate in the Sacrament of Confession at least once a year; Participate in worthy reception of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season; Observe the Church's Holy Days of Obligation, Observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence from meat; and Support the Church in Her needs through Stewardship (time, talent, treasure). The precepts of the Church are set in the context of a moral life, bound to and nourished by liturgical life. (ccc 2041-2043) One must be striving to live a moral life and fully support the teachings of the Catholic Church.

- 4) Display a visible commitment to living out the Catholic faith and have the ability and intention to carry out his/her responsibility as a spiritual guide in your life.

Other considerations when selecting a Confirmation sponsor:

- *A sponsor cannot be a parent of the one to be confirmed.
- *Church teaching states that it is "desirable that the godparent at Baptism also be the sponsor at Confirmation", however the selection of a special sponsor is also permitted.
- *Ideally your sponsor should attend the Confirmation rehearsal (Parent can sub if needed.)
- *If your sponsor is unable to attend the actual Sacrament of Confirmation, another adult (including a parent), may stand in his/her place as a proxy. The name of your sponsor will still be noted in the official Church record of your Confirmation.
- *The choice of who should be your sponsor is YOUR decision!

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Things to think about before you ask someone to be your sponsor:

- *The person you choose as your sponsor should be someone that you admire and respect and who actively lives out the beliefs of our Catholic faith.
- *Your sponsor should be someone that you trust and feel comfortable turning to for help, advice, and guidance, especially in regard to your spiritual life.
- *After you receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, you and your sponsor are called to lead each other closer to God, to continue to grow in knowledge of your faith, and to challenge one another to lead lives of holiness and service.
- *PRAY! Spend some time asking God for guidance on who to choose as your sponsor.



Confirmation Sponsor Agreement

The Confirmation sponsor should be someone who knows, helps, and witnesses to the candidate in morals, faith, and intention.

A sponsor's role is to be a friend and mentor:

*Actively live out the beliefs of the Catholic faith and be in good standing with the Church.**

*Keep in regular contact after Confirmation.

*Help, advise, and guide, especially in regard to the spiritual life.

*Challenge the candidate to lead a life of holiness and service.

*Listen.

*Pray with and for the candidate.

*Help explain Catholic practices and beliefs.

*Refer questions you cannot answer to others.

*As appropriate, accompany the candidate to Mass and Church functions.

*As appropriate, work on service projects together.

I have read and accept the responsibility as Confirmation sponsor for (print candidate's name) _____

Sponsor's signature: _____

Date: _____

Candidate's signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Date: _____

(see sponsor interview page for questions to discuss)

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Sponsor Interview

Candidate Name: _____ Sponsor Name: _____

Candidates and Sponsors discuss these questions with each other (briefly note answers):

Why did I choose you as my sponsor?

What are my expectations of you as my sponsor?

What do you expect of me from now on?

What do I need to do to be a good Christian?

What does it mean for you to live your life as a Catholic Christian?

What are the tough things about being Catholic?