

Dear Parents, Confirmandi, and Sponsors,

Who Can Be a Confirmation Sponsor?

A sponsor should be a person of faith: a Roman Catholic who is an active member of the Catholic Church. Also, it should be someone who is willing to make a time commitment. The Confirmandi should choose someone who is a good role model on how to live a good Christian life. The sponsor they choose should be willing to go on this life-long journey with them. It is not someone who just stands with them at the Confirmation Mass. It should be someone that the Confirmandi is willing to form a bond with and allow to help them make good spiritual decisions. The sponsor should be someone that is willing to share their life experiences to help the Confirmandi become the best version of themselves.

What are you (the sponsor) being asked to do to prepare the Confirmandi for the sacrament of Confirmation?

1. Meet with your candidate four times for about 30 minutes using the guided sponsor interviews
2. Pray for the young person you are asked to sponsor
3. Share and listen about each other's spiritual lives
4. Write a letter to confirm that your candidate is ready for the sacrament of Confirmation (Due March 1, 2019)
5. Perform one service project with the Candidate (Service project must be done and paperwork submitted by March 15th)

What do I do after we have completed the conversations?

As noted above, after the candidate has completed the four guided sponsor interviews with the sponsor, discuss again his/her willingness to receive the sacrament. This is a serious decision, and no one can or should make the decision for the candidate. Sometimes waiting is a respectful action to take. It is not cause for alarm or embarrassment. As a sponsor, reflect on what you know about this young person. Is the youth aware of what the commitment to be a disciple of Jesus means? Does the sacrament have a REAL meaning and personal significance to this young person?

After you make a final decision, please write a letter stating if you believe that he/she is ready or not ready to receive Confirmation and turn it in to Stephanie Garcia during Confirmation class or drop it off at the parish office by March 1, 2019.

I appreciate your role in this young person's life. I thank you for the witness you present to them and the blessing you have given them in agreeing to be a Confirmation sponsor.

Yours in Christ,
Stephanie Garcia

Confirmation Sponsor Selection

Please return this form in Confirmation class by Sunday, December 15, 2019

A Sponsor must be:

- at least 16 years of age
- already have received the Sacrament of Confirmation
- if married, must be in a marriage recognized by the Church
 - will need a copy of the church marriage certificate
- and cannot be the mother or the father of the candidate

Your Full Name (First, Middle, Last):

Sponsor's Name (First, Middle, Last)

Married: Y or N

In the Catholic Church: Y or N

Sponsor's Address

Street _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Why did you choose this person to be your sponsor?