

Sponsor Requirements

A sponsor is required for the candidate to be confirmed. So how do I go about picking a sponsor?

A sponsor must:

1. Be at least 16 years old.
2. Leads a life of faith.
3. Not be a parent of the candidate.

Being a sponsor is not just an honor given to a good friend or relative. Sponsorship implies a real appreciation of faith, a practice of the same, and a sense of responsibility toward the person being confirmed. The sponsor's role is to assist the person in Christian initiation and, with the parents, to help the newly confirmed to live a life befitting a Catholic Christian. Parents cannot be sponsors because they are already their child's most important teacher.

A sponsor plays a vital role in the candidates continuing initiation into full membership in the Christian community by:

- Supporting the candidate in their commitment to a Christian life. - Gaining knowledge of the candidate and serving as a strong and lasting influence. - Helping the candidate prepare for Confirmation. - Presenting the candidate to the Archbishop during the Confirmation Liturgy.

Therefore, it is important that the sponsor be a person that is actively living a Christian life, registered in a parish and regularly receiving the sacraments.